YOU Sarah Thomas and Stephen Milburn as Executors of John Thomas Solemnly make Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within is the only true last Will and Testament of John Thomas late deceased that has come to your hand possession or Knowledge. —

Sworn before Owen Allen Comry
24th April 1776 —

Saint Mary's County So. On the twenty fourth day of April 1770. Came John King and Mary Langley two of the Subscribing Evidences to the within Last Will and Testament of John Thomas late of the County aforesaid deceased and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did See the said John Thomas the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament and at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of perfect Sense and of Sound and disposing mind memory and Understanding and that they respectively Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence and at the request of the aforesaid Testator and that they did See each other together with John Langley the other Subscribing Witness Subscribe their Names thereto as Evidences.

Sworn before
Owen Allen Comry

Examined

In the Name of God Amen I John Tarlton of Saint Marys County in the Province of Maryland, being at present weak of Body but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be to God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this Transitory Life, and that all flesh must yeald unto Death, when, and where, it shall seem good unto Almighty God, do therefore Constitute, Ordain and declare, this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Revoking and annihilating, by these presents both in Deed and in Law all and every other Testament both in word and Writing (and)

and declare this only to be my Last Will and Testament, that is to say, Principally and first of all, I recommend my Soul to God that gave it, and as for my Body, I Recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner, which I leave to the discretion of my Executrix, Nothing doubting but at the General Conflagration I shall receive the same ~~again~~ by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I give devise and dispose of the same in the manner and form following Viz. Imprimis I desire that all my just Debts be punctually paid and discharged to all whom it may concern, and after my just Debts be paid and my Funeral Charges be duly discharged then I devise and give as follows. Item I give and bequeath to my Son William one Shilling. Item I give & bequeath to my Son Thos. One Shilling. Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Casandria one Shilling. Item I give and bequeath all the Remaining part of my Estate to be Equally divided amongst my five Children Priscilla John James Nancy and Jeremiah to be by them freely possess & enjoyed particularly I give and bequeath unto my said five Children six Negroes Viz. Tobey Nell Ben Statia Eleanor and Sarah and their and every of their increase to Equally divided among them to be by them freely possessed & enjoyd and lastly I hereby Nominate and Appoint my beloved Wife Ann Tarlton my whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament In Testimonny whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this fourth of February Anno Domini 1763

Signd Sealed published and Declared to be the Last Will and Testament of the said John Tarlton in presence of — John Standfield, Thomas Wootten, Anne her mark Saunders

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At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz. —

I hereby renounce this Will and refuse to abide thereby Witness my hand the 14th March 1770 —

Witness
Owen Allen

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Ann Tarlton