Ja. Tilghman Sr.
Thomas Gassaway Junr.
Charles Stewart

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus written Viz.t Prerogative Office to wit, September 16th. 1771 — Came James Tilghman Sr., Thomas Gassaway Junr. and Charles Stewart the three Subscribing Evidences to the within Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw John Morton Jordan the Testator herein named Sign and Seal this Will and heard him publish pronounce and declare the Same to be his Last Will and Testament, and that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their Several Apprehensions of a Sound and disposing mind Memory and Understanding and that they Severally Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the Request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn before Walter Dulany Comry Genl.

Sir

Queens Town Sepr. 19th. 1771 —

We are informed by Mr. Merriweather that Mr. Jordan is certainly Dead and as we are appointed Executors for his Maryland Business, we begg leave to inform you that we cannot possibly Act, & take this Method to Relinquish the Executorship —

We are Sir. Yr. Hble Servts.
Wm. Hemsley
Peregrine Tilghman

To the Honble
Walter Dulany Esq. Annapolis.

Examined

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Beale Dorsey of Ann Arundel County being Sick and weak of Body but of sound and disposing mind and Memory - do make this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. - Imprimis I recommend my Soul to Almighty God. the Great Father of all things hopeing for his Mercy through the Medication of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ. - And as to my worldly Estate I dispose thereof in manner following Viz.t Item, My Dwelling plantation and all the Lands thereunto belong which are entailed I leave to descend to my Eldest Son Caleb Dorsey. - And I do also give and bequeath unto my Son Caleb Dorsey all the Lands lying near to or joyning upon my Dwelling Plantation which I took up myself or may have purchased to hold to him the Said Caleb Dorsey and his Heirs forever. - Item, I give and bequeath to my Second Son John Worthington Dorsey and his Heirs forever all my Lands on Elkridge near Upton commonly called the upper Quarter which Lands were bought of John Sellman and

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Ely Dorsey. - Item, I give and bequeath to my youngest Son Thomas Beale Dorsey and his Heirs forever the Land on Elkridge commonly called the Lower Quarter being all that parcel of Land part of a Tract called Cross's Forest which I purchased of Thomas Sellman Item, I give and bequeath to my Dearly beloved Wife one third part of my clear personal Estate, And would have her take her thirds of the Real Estate in such Manner as she thinks best. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Merriweather one Negro Girl named Suck. And one Negroe Girl named Beck. Item, My Will and desire is that my Wife should have her Choice of the Negroes in the Family and particularly the House Wenches Lid, Rachel and Sarah in part of her thirds of the personal Estate. — Item, My will and desire is that my Son Caleb should have the Negroe fellow named Jose and one other Negroe Man named Toney also a negroe Man named Brutus in his part of the personal Estate. - Item I give and bequeath unto my three Children Caleb, John Worthington and Sarah Merriweather ten pounds sterling each. And to my Son Thomas Beale Dorsey the sum of Forty pounds Sterling. — Item my will and desire is that my Negroes should be equally divided amongst my four Children, after my Wife hath taken her third part of them. And as to the whole Residue of my personal Estate after my Wifes thirds are taken out and Legacies paid I give and bequeath the Same to be equally divided between my two Children Thomas Beale Dorsey and Sarah Merriweather to hold to them their Several Executors and Administrators. - Lastly I do Nominate Constitute and Appoint my Son Caleb Dorsey and my Son in Law Reuben Merriweather whole and Sole Executors jointly of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all Wills formerly made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal this 28th. Day of October Anno Dom. 1771

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the Said Thomas Beale Dorsey as and for his Last Will and Testament in presence of Us who signed as Witnesses in the Testators presence and at his Request

J. Hall
Ely Dorsey
Edw. Thompson

Thomas Bele Dorsey (Seal)

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was the following Codicil written Viz

Whereas I have given the whole Residue of my Personal Estate after my Wifes thirds are taken out and Legacies paid to my two Children Thomas Beale Dorsey and Reuben Merriweather to be equally divided between them My will and Intention is by this my Codicil to explain the said Clause. And I do hereby desire and direct that my Stock of all kinds Horses Cattle and Hoggs and all other my Goods and Chattles except Money only and Debts due to me after my Wifes thirds and what Debts I may owe are paid should be equally divided amongst my four Children Caleb Dorsey, John Worthington Dorsey, Thomas Beale Dorsey and Sarah Merriweather and as to the Residue I mean Cash in the House or Debts due to me my Will and desire is that the same should be equally

(divided)