almighty God deposed and declared that they saw the said Testator Frederick Hanson Sign & Seal the same will & heard him publish & declare the same to be his last will & Testament, that at the same Time he was to the best of their Knowledge & apprehension of sound & disposing mind & memory, & that they the Deponents together with John Gresham the other Subscribing Witness above named subscribed their respective Names as Witness to the within will in the Presence of the Testator & at his Request

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In the Name of God Amen I Robert Meeches of Kent County and Province of Maryland being sick and weak of Body but of sound disposing mind and Memory (praise be given to God for the same) & calling to mind the uncertainty of this frail mortal Life, and that it is appointed for all once to die (and uncertain when) Do make publish and Declare this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following. That is to say, First and Principally, I Recommend my soul into the Hands of almighty God, firmly hoping (for a Joyfull Resurrection thro' the alone meritorious suffering of my Dear Redeemer Jesus Christ, and my Body I give to the Earth from whence it proceeded, to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executrix, hereafter named; And touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with; I give Devise and Bequeath in manner following. Imprimis I give and devise unto my Loving wife Mary Meeches During her widowhood, all my Estate Real and movable To have and to hold for the bringing up of my younger Children. Item I give Bequeath one Acre of Ground at the Head of my Orchard, for a burying place for my Family and their Relatives which Acre of Ground is never to be sold or conveyed away to any Person or Persons whatsoever, But that my Family & their Relatives shall have a free Egress, and regress to the same without Lett or molestation forever Item I give and devise to my Son Robert Meeches (after my wife's Marriage or Decease) my Plantation called the Forrest of Deen, to him and his Heirs lawfully begotten forever But if it should please God that he dyes without Heirs my will is that the said Plantation, shall Descend to my Son St Leger Meeches, and his Heirs forever. Item I give and Bequeath to my Son St Leger Meeches my Plantation called Freemans poor Discovery Containing 102 Acres, and Part of that Tract of Land called Good hope to him and his Heirs forever. Item my will is that if it please God that if either of my two Sons Robert Meeches, or St Leger Meeches dye without Heirs of their Body lawfully begotten that than and in such Case my will and meaning is that my Plantation called Freemans poor Discovery and

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that Part of good Hope, to Descend to my son William Meeches, and his Heirs for ever. Item my will also is that my two Sons that shall inherit my two Plantations that each of them pay yearly and every year Three Pounds Common Currency of Maryland to my beloved Daughter Arianna Meeches as long as she lives single but if she Marry they to desist from paying the said three Pounds each; And lastly I nominate Constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Meeches whole & sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament hereby Revoking and disannulling every other former will or wills, Testaments or Bequests by me heretofore made; Ratifying & Confirming this only to be my last will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this tenth Day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and seventy one

Signed Sealed published pronounced and declared to be his last will & Testament The word (place) between the twentieth and twenty first Lines being first inserted in presence of — Robert Meeches (Seal)

Thos. Bowers, Wm Lowarden, Cha: Groome — Feby 18th 1772 William Lowarden & Charles Groome two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within written will of Robert Meeches The Testator within named being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of almighty God, deposed & declared & Thomas Bowers the other Subscribing Witness being one of the People called Quakers on his solemn affirmation to him administred affirmed & declared that they saw the said Testator Robert Meeches sign & seal the same will and heard him publish & declare the same to be his last will & Testament, that at the same Time he was to the best of their knowledge & apprehension of sound & disposing mind & memory & that they subscribed their respective names as witness to the said will in the Presence of the Testator and at his request sworn before

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In the Name of God Amen. I Dorothy Hodges of Kent County in the province of Maryland Widow being sick & weak of Body, but of sound discerning sense & memory do make & ordain this to be my last will & Testament, and first of all, I humbly resign my soul into the Hands of God who gave it, and my Body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian Manner, & as to what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I give & dispose of them in Manner & form following Viz^t. 1st — I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Hodges one Negro Woman named Frank & her Increase as also Ten Pounds Ten Shillings Common Money, in Stock & Household Goods, as Legacies —
2^ndly — I give & bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca Hodges one Negro Lad named Phill as also Ten Pounds Ten Shillings Common Money in Stock & Household Goods as Legacies

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