to the same Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his request which same Depositions were taken in the presence of Richard Cooper Heir at Law to the Testator which said Richard did not object to the probate of the same Will

Examined 6th Sides Before Th Wright Dy Comy

Queen Anns County Ss. April the 17th day 1773 } John Slaughter and Rosannah his wife personally appeared before me and made oath on the holy Evangelists of almighty God that some time about the first of January last they were at the house of Joana Merchant (who then was very ill and died the day following) which said Joana then declared it was her desire that every thing she had shou'd be equally divided between her two daughters Wealthy Baynard and Ama Deford and no others

Examined 1 Side Sworn to before Th Wright Dep Comy

In the name of God amen Whereas I Thomas Howard being very sick and weak but of perfect sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same. First I commit my Soul to God who gave me being trusting in his mercies for sure and certain hope at the great day of Account to be found an acceptable member of Gods elect and as for what wordly goods and effects he hath been pleased to bless me with I dispose of in manner and form Following.

Item it is my Will and earnest request without injuring my Creditors that Mr. John Sayer Blake have and receive my large silver Tuneen Spoon in consequence of the many Signal Services received and as a Memento to my memory.

Item it is my Will that all the Goods and effects I am now possessed of may be sold to the best Advantage for the use of my Creditors after my decease and shou'd any overplus remain besides what pays my debts it is my Will that it shou'd be bestowed on some poor Object worthy of Charity.

Item As Mr. Robert Browne is my greatest Creditor I appoint him as Executor of this my last Will and Testament In Witness I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 25 of May 1772.

John Sayer Blake
James Davidson } Thos Howard

In the back of the foregoing Will was thus written Wi

Queen Anns County Ss. April the 8th Day 1773 } James Davidson one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being duly and solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangelists of almighty God doth depose and say that he saw the Testator Thomas Howard sign the same Will and heard him publish and declare it to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his

his so doing he was to the best of his apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that he did Subscribe his name and also saw John Sayer Blake subscribe his name as a Witness to the same Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his request.

Sworn to Before Th Wright Dy Comy

Queen Anns County Ss. Whereas I am appointed Executor by the last Will of Thomas Howard I do not incline to accept of the trust, therefore I do hereby refuse to act as Executor, and desire that Administration may be committed to any person that may apply Given under my hand this 8th day of April 1773.

Robert Browne

Queen Anns County Ss. the 6th day of May 1773 } John Sayer Blake one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being duly and solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangelists of almighty God that he saw the Testator Thomas Howard sign the same Will & heard him publish & declare it to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind and memory and that he did Subscribe his name as a Witness to the same Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his request.

Examined 7 Sides Before Th Wright Deply Comy

I James Sudler of Kent Island Queen Anns County and Province of Maryland being sick and weak in body, but of sound perfect and disposing mind and memory do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form Following.

I give to my beloved wife the following negroes Viz. Tom, Dennis, Will, old Darkey, young Darkey Hagar, Sarah and Cynthia. my riding Chaise, and Chaise horse called Dove, one chest of drawers, one side Board table, one tea Table, one stand, four silver table spoons marked F·S M; all my China, Delft, earthen, stone and glass ware, I also give my mulatto girl named Catharine Prichard to my wife till the said Catharine attains the age of twenty one years, at which time I give her her freedom, provided she doth not prove with child till that period, but if she should have a child, then it is my Will that the said Catharine shall serve till she arrives at the age of thirty one years agreeable to Law, If my wife dies before the said Catharine attains the age of twenty years, then I give the said Catharine to my Niece Mary Thomas for the remainder of her time, agreeable to the above Condition.

I give to my son James Sudler the following negroes Viz. Jack, Harry, Daphne and her child Minta, Dinah, Jude, Ruth, Beck, Jameson Jenny and Cesar, my best desk, one large oval table my largest looking Glass, one Mahogany arm chair, six Mahogany sitting chairs, my best hand Irons, Shovel and tongs, my best Fowling peice, my cup board which stands in my lodging room, six silver table spoons marked R*B, one case of knives and forks, one young unbroken horse called Spark I also give to my son James Sudler four hundred pounds Pennsylvania Currency with the Interest thereof when he arrives at the age of twenty one years which Interest is to be Accounted for from the day of my decease I also give to my said son