Sir

I doe hearby acquaint you that I doe quit any claim to the Severall bequests and Devises of my Deceased Husband /Isaac Cosper/ and in lieu thereof doe claim my Dower or third part of his Estate both Real or Personal as Witness my hand this 3d day of August 1775.

Budget Cosper

To
Mr Thomas Holbrook
This

In the name of God Amen

I John Caldwell of Somerset County Mariner do make this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following that is to say – First I give and Bequeath unto Robert Scrogin, One Negroe Girl called Lucretia to the said Robert Scrogin his Heirs and Assigns for ever

Secondly I give and Bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary Caldwell all the Lands and Plantation whereon I now live which I purchased of Joseph Morris unto the said Mary Caldwell during her Life or Term of her Widowhood which shall first happen

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Nephew William Venables Son of my Sister Mary Venables One Negroe boy Call'd Ned to him the said William Venables his Heirs and Assigns for ever

I give and Bequeath unto my Nephew John Venables One Negroe boy Call'd John and the Looking Glass that was left me by my Father unto him the said John Venables his Heirs & Assigns for Ever

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Item I give and Bequeath ~~to~~ unto my Niece Mary Venables the following Negroes /to wit/ Matilda, Charlotte being two Black Girls Also Nancy & Margarotta two Mallata Girls unto the said Mary Venables During her Natural Life and at her Death the aforesaid four Negroe Girls to be free and under the Inspection of of my Freind Josiah Polk and Also I give and Bequeath unto the aforesaid Mary Venables One Negroe Woman Call'd Rose and One Negroe Woman Call'd Pumelia to her the said Mary Venables and her Heirs for ever

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Nephew Robert Hitch my Silver Watch, and all my Wearing Apparrel, and Also One Negroe Boy Call'd King Frederick. To him the said Robert Hitch his Heirs and Assigns for ever

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Niece Betty Sanford One hundred Calf and Twenty Pounds in Dollars at Seven Shillings & Sixpence Each to be paid to her out of my Estate as it may be convenient for my Executor hereafter named unto the said Betty Sanford her Heirs and Assigns for ever

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Nephew William Caldwells Son John all my Quadrants, Navigation Books and Instruments unto him and his Heirs and to be Educated at the Expence of my Estate that is to say to Read, Write and Cypher & Navigation

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Brother Samuel Caldwells daughter Nancy Caldwell all that Sum of Money which I have Recovered a Judgement against my Brother Samuel Caldwells Estate for in the Provincial Court unto her and her Heirs

Item I give and Bequeath One half of the Estate which is hereafter given unto my Wife Mary Caldwell after her Death or Marriage which shall first happen unto my Niece Mary Venables and her heirs forever

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