On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.t

Pr. Gs. Coty to wit May 9th 1775 - Then William Berry & Wm. Hamilton two of the Subscribing Wits to the Within Will made Oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they did See Zachariah Scott the Testator therein Named Sign and Seal the Same 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 Apprehension of Sound & disposing Mind Memory & Understanding & that they together with Thomas Hamilton did Sign their Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence & at the Request of the Testator & in the presence of Each other -

Certified by - Wm. T. Wootton D. Comm.ry of Pr. Gs. Coty -

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In the name of God amen this 11th day of April in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy five I Benjamin Belt of Prince Georges County in the province of Maryland being Sick & Weak, but of perfect Mind & Memory, thanks to the Almighty God and Calling to Mind the Mortality of my body and Knowing that it is Appointed for all Men once to dies, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I Give & Recommend my Soul into the hands of God, that Gave it, and for my body I Recommend it to the Earth, to be Buried, in a Christian like, and decent Manner, Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty power of God. And as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this Life I give, devise, and dispose of the Same in the following Manner and form -

Impri.s I give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamin Belt one Tract of Land called Belts poor Chance now in his Possession, Also the Surplus Land now in dispute called Godfathers Gift to him his heirs & Assigns forever -

Item; I give and Bequeath to my Son Thomas Belt his Heirs & Assigns forever one Tract of Land Called Norway -

Item; I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Nixon one Negro Woman Named Cloe also one Negro Girl Named Nell to her & her heirs & Assigns forever -

Item; I give to my daughter Easter Belt her Heirs & assigns forever, One Negro Girl Named Mill, also one bow & Half and one feather Bed & furniture -

Item, I give and Bequeath to my daughter Rachell her Heirs & Assigns for ever one Negro boy Named Stark, Also one bow & Half & one feather Bed & furniture -

Item, I give & bequeath to my Son Middleton Belt his heirs & Assigns forever

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after my Wifes decease my dwelling plantation with all the Lands Adjacent thereunto which remains untold, Also one Tract of Land called Belts Range, Also one other Tract Called Belts Meddow, Also one Negro boy Named dick ——— - -

My Will is, that my Two Tracts of Land, the one Called Belts Chance the other Called be sold at publick Vendue to the Highest Bidder and the Money Arising on the Sale to be applied towards discharging my Debts & the over plus if any to be Equally Divided between my three daughters & my Son Middleton --

Item. I Give and Bequeath the Residue of my Estate to my beloved Wife during her Natural Life & after her decease to my Son Middleton, but in case he Should die without Lawfull Issue then it is my Will that the Estate devised him Shall be Equally Divided amongst my Surviving Children both real & personal -

Lastly, I Constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Ruth Belt and my Sons Benjamin & Middleton Belt Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made or Signed, In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & fixed my Seal the date above Written -

Benj.a Belt (Seal)

Signed, Sealed & declared by the Testator to be his Last Will and Testament in presents of us the Subscribing Witnesses who Subscribed our Names in the presents of Each other & in the presents of the Testator -

Andrew Beall
John Pearce
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On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.t

Pr Gs Coty to wit June 29th 1775 then Andw. Beall & John Pearce two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the Within Will made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they did See Benjamin Belt the Testator therein Named Sign & Seal the Said 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 Apprehension of Sound & disposing Mind Memory and Understanding and that they together with Archy Lanham & Geo. Hoskinson did Sign their Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence and at the Request of the Testator & in the presence of ~~Each~~ Each other

Certified by - Wm. T. Wootton D. Comm.ry of Pr. Gs. Coty -

Ruth Belt Renounces her Appointment, and refuses, to Act as Ex.x by Virtue of Said Appointment therefore Letters are Granted to Benjamin & Middleton Belt Ex.rs

Wm. T. Wootton D. Comm.ry -

Pr. Gs Coty June y. 20th 1775. I Ruth Belt one of the appointed Ex.rs in

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