Sir. This is to let you no that by my weknes and infermities I am not able to Act as an Executer according to my late deceased husbands Will therefore I do renounce this 20th day of November 1775

Elizabeth her + Mark Duvall

Testes. Joseph Boyd.

Ex fidei

In the Name of God Amen

I James Alder of Prince George's County being low and weak in but of a sound and Perfect Mind and Memory Do make this my last Will and Testament In manner and form following to wit

Item I hereby order and direct that legal Debts be paid and satisfied as soon as may be after my decease as to my Burial I leave to the discretion of my Executors.

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife all my Estate Both real and personal after my Just Debts are paid during her life or Marrage which ever first happens for her support and to raise my Children without cost and at her Death or Marrage which ever happens first it is to be equally devided amongst my Children as shall be hereafter mentioned.

Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloved Children George, Johannah, James Latimer Elizabeth Hecks Ruth Hawkins Marcus Mary Equally to be divided amongst them after my wifes death or marrage which ever first happens.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my well beloved wife Elizabeth my whole Sole Executor to see this my last Will and Testament complyed with. In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and fix my Seal this Seventh Day of October in the Year One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy five

J Alder Alder (LS)

Signed Sealed Delivered Published & and declared by the said James Alder the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers We have hereunto signed our names at his Request and in his presence and in the presence of each other as Witnesses thereto.

Robert his R Rankins Mark

Mary her O Coe Mark

John Wynn.

On the Back of the aforegoing will was thus Written Viz

Pr Geo. Coty to wit November 27th 1775. Then came John Wynn Robt Rankin and Mary Coe the three subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of James Alder Late of Prince georges County decd, Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named Sign & Seal this Will and that they 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 and disposing mind, memory & understanding & that they respectively 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.

Certified by Wm T Wootton. D Co of Pr G Coty

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In the Name of God Amen

The Sixteen day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy three. I William Shaw of Prince George's County and Province of Maryland Planter being Weak in Body And knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament. That is to say principally & first of all I give and recommend my Soul to God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executor nothing Doubting but at the resurrection I shall receive the same again by the power of God and as touching such wordly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis It is my Will and I do ordain that in the first place all my Just Debts and Funeral Charges be paid and satisfied.

Item I give to my well beloved Son Charles whom I likewise constitute and appoint make and ordain my only and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament all and Singular the Lands Messuages and Tenements of the land that I now hold of a Tract called William and Elizabeth to him and his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item I give to my Grandson William Shaw son of Angus all that Tract of Land called Forest Put to him and his Heirs and Assigns for ever. I also give and Bequeath to my beloved wife Twenty pounds currency and to my Daughter Mary Thirty pounds Currency And to my Daughter Charity Ten pounds Currency and each of the three Women One Cow to be raised out of my estate

Also give my two Feather Beds and all Furniture to the same.

Also give to my Daughter Mary One Feather Bed and furniture and to my Daughter Charity One Feather Bed and furniture.

Also Will and bequeath that when the former Legacies being paid by my Executor that my wife and each of my Children have one equal part of what remains of my Estate

Also Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and year above written

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in the presence of.

Robert Buchan

William Mullikin Junr

Richard his + Mark Bulger

James Beall

Hannah her X Mark Beall.

William his X Mark Shaw (LS)

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus written.

Pr Geo. Coty to wit. Nov. 1st 1775 Then Elizabeth Shaw the Widow of William Shaw late of said County decd came and quitted her claim to the several bequests and devises made her in the Will of her said husband deceased and Elected in lieu thereof her Dower or third part of the decaseds Estate both real and personal Before Wm T Wootton Clerk Pr Geo Coty

Pr Geo. Coty to wit November 27 1775 Then Robert Buchan Richard Bulger and William Mullikin Just three of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and Testament of William Shaw late of said County decd and made Oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named Sign and Seal this Will and that they 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 Apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the

(presence)