Memory and Understanding and that they respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence of each other And in the presence of William Keough the other Witness—

Certified by Hugh Hopewell Jr Commissary of Saint Mary's County—

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Masey, Kent County Maryland planter, being sick and weak in Body but of good and perfect Memory, thanks be to Almighty God, Calling to remembrance the uncertain State of this Transitory life, and that all flesh must yield unto Death when it shall please God to Call, do make and declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following:- First, being penitent and Sorry for all my Sins, most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same; I Commend my Soul unto Almighty God, my Saviour and Redeemer, in whom & by whose Merits I trust and believe assuredly to be saved and have full remission and forgiveness of all my Sins & Inherit the Kingdom of Heaven; and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and for the settling of my Temporal Estate, and such Goods Chattels and Debts as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I do order and dispose of the Same in manner and form following: that is to say,—

Imprimis I give and Bequeath to my eldest Son Meshack my dwelling plantation to him and his Heirs forever, he being Obliged to pay or cause to be paid to his Brother Abednego Ten pounds Currency, Ten pounds to his Brother Nicholas, & Ten Pounds to his Sister Ruth—

Item I leave my Daughter Barsheba one Shilling Sterling—

Item I give unto my Grandson James Shute my Case of Bottles— And I Will and desire that my four Negroes named Prince, Juda, Nan, Juda a girl be all Sold as soon as Conveniently can the Money Equally Divided among my foresaid four Children Viz.t Meshack, Abednego, Nicolas & Ruth and that the Remainder of my Estate be equally divided among the foresaid four Children and I make and ordain my Eldest Son Meschack together with Elijah Massie Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking disanulling and making void all former Wills by me made, declaring this to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Sixteenth of February One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six Years—

I Will that after my Funeral Charges and my Just & lawfull debts are paid my Estate shall be disposed of as abovementioned & that my Daughter Barsheba should be paid off with one Shilling Sterling only & no more

This I declare to be my last Will day & date foresaid

Test. Saml Beck
his
Thos. + Pratt
mark
Rachel her + Hurlock
mark

Thomas Masey (Seal)

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

May 10th 1776 Then Came Samuel Beck Thomas Pratt & Rachel Hurlock the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of Thomas Massey late of Kent County deceased, and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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; that at the time of his so doing, he was to the best of their Apprehensions, of sound & disposing Mind, Memory, and Understanding; And 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. J Nicholson Dep.ty Clerk of Kent County

In the name of God Amen I William Durding of Kent County being of Body but of a perfect and disposing mind and Memory, thanks be to God for the same do dispose of what Worldly Estate it hath been please God to bless me with, in manner following. My Will and desire is that my beloved Wife, Ann Durding, and her Brother Charles Thomas should Administer upon my Estate my Will and desire is that this plantation that I now live on being Called part of Raynson's division, to be Sold by the above administrators whenever they shall see a time most proper as for my personal Estate it must be all properly praised, this being my Last Will In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Eight day of April and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy and Six—

William his W.m Durding (Seal) mark

Signed & Sealed in the presence of us.

Robert Butler
Thomas Durding

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

May 10th 1776. Then Came Robert Butler & Thomas Durding the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will of William Durding late of Kent County deceased and Severally made Oath on the Holy Evangels 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, that at the same time 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 this Will, in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other—

Certified by— J Nicholson Dep.ty Clerk of Kent County

Mem.d. of the manner Mr. Benj.a Harrison Senr. disposes of his Estate—

Item I give and Bequeath to Richard Sherbutt the son of Elizabeth Sherbutt all my Lands & Improvm.ts I now possess commonly called the Swamp Joyng to West River