touching all such Estate as it has pleaed Almighty God to bestow upon me, I give and dispose thereof in manner and form following that is to say; —

Item I give to my Eldest Son Thomas Small my now dwelling Plantation known by the name of Ships point and to the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten forever, failing of such Heirs, then to my Son John Small and to the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten forever, and failing of such Heirs then to my Grand Son Charles Small and to the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten forever. and further my Will is that my loving Wife be no ways disturbed by any person whatever claiming under me during her Widowhood —

Item I lend unto my loving Wife one Negro Woman called Dorhas, and one other Negro Woman called Grace and one Negro lad called Jack during her Widowhood, but then Dorhas to Ann Mercken and her increase if any and Grace to my Daughter Sarah Small and her Increase if any and Jack to my Son John Small and one Negro boy called Jerry and the best Bed Bedstead and furneture in the chamber —

Item I Give unto my Son Thomas Small one Negro Girl called Hagar and the Next best Bed Bedstead and furneture in the Chamber —

Item I give to my Grand Daughter Ann Mercken one Negro Girl named Tamer and to my Daughter Ann Mercken one Negro boy named Peter — " — " — " —

Item I Give to my Grand Daughter Susanna Small one Negroe Girl named Fanney —

Item I Give to my Daughter Rachel Weeden Twenty pounds Common Money —

Item I Give to my Daughter Mary Bryon Twenty pounds Common Money —

Item I Give to Gran Daughter Mary Weeden half a dozen of Silver tea Spoons —

Item I Give to Gran Daughter Ann Bryon half a dozen of Silver tea Spoons —

The Rest of my Estate to be Equally divided between my four Youngest Children Viz^t Thomas Small, John Small, Sarah Small, and Ann Mercken, after my Wifes Thirds is taken out and my Just debts paid —

And Lastly I do make and Constitute my loving Wife Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament revoking all Wills heretofore made by me, —

Signed Sealed pronounced & declared this to be my Last Will and Testament in presence of — " — " — " — " — " —

Robert Small (Seal)

Jacob Tolson
Henry Carter
Valentine Carter
" — " — " —

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

Queen Ann's County S^t. the 28th March 1776 } Jacob Tolson, Henry Carter & Valentine Carter the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will, being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, do depose and Say, that they Saw the Testator Robert Small Sign the same, and heard him publish and 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 they did Subscribe their respective names to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his request —

Sworn to, before Th Wright Dep^ty Com^ry

(6 Rds)

December ye 12th 1774 —

In the name of God Amen I Burton Francis Faulkner

of Queen Ann's County in the province of Maryland, planter being weak and low in Body but of perfect memory thanks therefore be given unto God do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament First I give my Soul into the hands of God that gave it me, and my Body to the Earth to be Buried at the discression of my Friends next my debts to be paid. Imprimis I do apoint my Son Jonathan and my Daughter Esther Administrators —

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Son Jonathan one Track of Land being in Talbot County known by the name Faulkners Levels —

Item I leave my Work Creatures with Cart plows and harrow to the care of my Daughter Esther to be used on the plantation —

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ruth one Feather Bed and furniture

Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Son Benjamin Faulkner one Negroe Mare named Munday, one Young Mare Colt; two Feather Beds and Furneture; one large Iron pot, two dises and half a dozen plates —

Item I leave this Track of Land whereon I now live to be sold and two Thirds of the Money to be given to my Grand Son Benjamin and the other part to be divi=ded between my Son Jonathan and my Daughters Esther and Ruth —

Item I leave my Grandson Benjamin to the Care of my Son Jonathan and daugh=ter Esther — In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and Year above Written.

Burton Francis Faulkner his mark (Seal)

Seigned Sealed and declared by the said Burton Francis Faulkner to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us the Subscribers.

Wm Rakes his mark
Thomas T H Hall mark
Onan his + mark Baker

On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz^t —

Queen Ann's County S^t. the 11th day Jany 1776 } William Rakes, Thomas Hall & Onan Baker the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will being duly and Solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, do depose and Say, that they the Testator Francis Burton Faulkner the same, and heard him publish and 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 & Memory, and that they did Subscribe their names as Witnesses to the within Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his request

Sworn to, before Th Wright Dy Com^ry of Queen Ann's County

Sir,

I and my Brother have agreed and I desire you would let

(him)