him have Letters for I find myself Incapable of the Business and you will Oblige
Your Humble Sr.
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March 21- 1776-

To
Mr. Wright
Thus.

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In the name of God Amen. I Isaac Deford

of Queen Anns County being Sick and weak of Body, but of perfect sound mind and Memory thanks be to Almighty God for all his Mercies, and calling to Mind the uncertainty of this life, knowing that is appointed for all Men once to die do Constitute, and Appoint, make, and ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament, ratifying this only to be my Last Will and Testament, that is to say First and principally I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker and Redeemer who gave it me, and my Body to the dust from whence it was taken, to be interred in a decent, Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executor, hereafter Mentioned, and for such Worldly Goods as it has been pleased Almighty God to bless me with, I give and dispose of in manner and form following—

Imprimis; I leave the use of my whole personal Estate in the care of my loving Son Elisha Robinson, and my loving Daughter Rachel Robinson, for the use of their Children, and to be disposed of, as hereafter mentioned to their use.—

First I Give and bequeath unto my loving Grandson Elijah Robinson, my own Bed with the Furniture thereunto belonging, one great house Bible, my Bridle and Saddle.—

I Also give and bequeath unto my loving Grand Daughter Ann Robinson one horse Colt Called Holly which is not to be Sold or exchanged Way, one tea Chest and Canisters, thereto—

I Also give and bequeath unto my loving Grand Daughter Esther Robinson one Bed with its furniture & one large looking Glass, I Also give and bequeath Sixteen pewter plates, five pewter dishes, and three pewter Basons, to be equally distributed between my aforesaid Grand Children—

Also I give and bequeath unto my loving Grand Daughter Mary Robinson one Iron pot, Also I require that my Mare may be Valued or Sold, and her Value to go in the way of paying my lawfull Debts, I Also appoint that the above Devidends to my Grand Children may be paid to each of them when of lawful Age, or on the day of their respective Marriages—

Lastly I Appoint loving Son Elisha Robinson and my loving Daughter Rachel Robinson whole and Sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament—

In Witness whereof I have hereunto affixt my hand and Seal this 7th day of November in the Year of our Lord God 1775.

Signed and Sealed in the presence of }
Jonathan Brierly
Joseph Desford
Theobal Dillon

Isaac Deford (Seal)
Thomas Deford the nearest

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

Queen Ann's County ss. } Jonathan Brierly and John Desford, two of the
the 25th December 1775 } 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 Isaac Desford 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 as Witnesses to the same Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his request.—

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Sworn to, before Th. Wright Dep. Kom.

I Sarah Dawson

of Queen Anns County Widow, being weak in Body but of sound Mind and Memory (blessed be God) do this twenty fifth day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred Seventy Five make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say Imprimis I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, who gave it me, and my Body to the Earth, from whence it came, in hopes of a Joyfull resurrection through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ, and as for that Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased to bless me, I dispose thereof as follows—

First I give and devise to my Son William Dawson, all my Lands lying in Miles River Neck Talbot County, whereon he now dwells, to him and his Heirs.

Item, I Give to my Son John Dawson one Negro man named Frank—

Item, I Give to my Son Peregrine Dawson one Negro Woman named Ben—

Item, I Give to my Son Robert Dawson one Negro Girl named Rose—

Item, I Give to my Daughter Sarah Dawson one Negro Boy named Jack during her natural life and no longer—

Item after the Death of my Daughter Sarah I give the said Negro Jack to my Son Peregrine—

Item I give to my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Thomas (the daughter of Joseph Thomas the Sum of five pounds Current Money, to be paid to her when she arrives to the Age of Sixteen, and it is my Will that none of the rest of my Daughter Mary's Children shall have any part of my Estate—

And I make, Constitute, and Ordain, my two Sons William Dawson and Robert Dawson Executors of this my last Will, to see the same performed according to the true intent and meaning thereof. In Witness whereof I the said Sarah Dawson have to this my Last Will and Testament set my hand and Seal the day and Year above written—

Signed Sealed and delivered by the Testator as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us. } Sarah Dawson (Seal)

Trustram Thomas
William Dimond
Edwd Downes Junr.

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