Almity God Amen—
I Will and bequeath to my Son Allen Martin is freedum of eaghteen years of age and all my Ware and Aparell and young Mare one Year and Even Mounth old likewise my Wife Elizabeth Martin gives hir third part of a Tract of Land that Thomas Anderson Lomas now living on name Bredgood choise tobe delivered up tohim at the Age of Eaghteen and one duble Briech Gun—
The Refsadue of my Afstate tobe equeal devided between my Wife Elizabeth Martin my Daughter Sally Martin my Son Allen Martin if my Wife Elizabeth Martin dyes without Heire hir part tobe equal divided between my Daughter Sally Martin my Son Allen Martin being my last Will and Testament— Witness my hand—

John Martin his + mark

Witness— Manning Shinn his G. Mark
Elizabeth Robinson her X mark

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

Charles County Sct. On the 4th. day of July 1776. came Manning Shinner one of the Witnesses to the last Will and Testament of John Martin late of Charles County deceased and made Oath on the Holy Evangels that he saw the said Martin Sign this Instrument but did not hear him publish and declare it tobe his Last Will in the Usual form but that he the Testator desired him to Sign it as a Witness tohis Last Will which he did inhis presence and in the presence of Elizabeth Robison the other Subscribing Witnesses and at the same time the said Elizabeth Robison made Oath that she was desired by the Testator to sign this Instrument of Writing as a Witness tohis Will which she accordingly did in his presence and in the presence of Manning Shinner but that she did not see the said John Martin Sign it nor did she any otherwise hear him declare it tobehis last Will & the Witnesses both declare that at the time of their Signing the same & the said Martens desireing them so to do he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound & disposing Memory & understanding—

Certified by Walter Hanson D. Com.

On the same 4th day of July 1776 Came Elizabeth Marten Widow of John Marten late of Charles County deceased and Quitted her claim to the several bequests and devises made to her in the Will of her said Husband and Elected in lieu thereof her Dower or third part of the deceased's Estate both real & personal

Before Walter Hanson D. Com.

N.B. Allen Marten the Heir at Law being a Minor was not present at the taking the above probate . . . .

3. D.

In the name of God Amen I James Keech of Charles County in the Province of Maryland (Planter) being in perfect

Memory, thanks be to God for the Same, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner & form as follows Viz:—

First I give my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it me, hoping to receive eternal happiness through the Merits of my blessed Savour Jesus Christ, my Body I commend to the Earth to be Buried in a decent Manner, at the discretion of Executrix hereafter named, and as touching such Worldly Goods as it hath pleased Almighty God tobless me with in this life, my Will and desire is that Funeral Charges and Just debts be first paid by my Executrix hereafter named, I give and dispose of my Estate as follows—

Item I give and bequeath to my loving Wife Mary Keech Forty nine Acres of Land, called my Garner tobe held of Zachariah Manner during her natural life & after her decease, to my Grandson James Keech him & his Heirs forever—

Item I give & bequeath to my Son John Keech, the use of a Mulatto Boy, called Frank, (now hires of me) during his life, and after his decease to my Grand Son James Keech forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Grandson James Keech one Negro Girl called Sue, & her Increase, & likewise Mulatto Frank, at the decease of his Father John Keech. forever—

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Wife of John Dailey one Negro Girl called Jenny & her Increase forever—

Item I give & bequeath to my loving Wife Mary Keech one Negro Woman called Sarah & her increase one Mulatto Woman called Lucy & her increase one Negro Boy called Jack, one Negro Boy called Ben, likewise all my Goods and Chattles to me belonging during her life, but if she should Marry then only to have one Third of my Estate— And in case she should never Marry, that she shall hold the above Goods and Chattles during her natural life, & after her decease my Will & desire is that it be equally divided among my two Children John Keech & Mary Wife of John Dailey—

And lastly I do Ordain, Constitute and appoint, my dear loving Wife, Mary Keech, my whole Sole Executrix, of this my last Will and Testament Revoaking all former Wills made by me heretofore & In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Ninth day of October One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy one—

James Keech (Seal)

Signed Seald & delivered in the Presence of us . . . . . .
William Moriand
Thomas Jones
Mary Moriand

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

Charles County Sct. On the 3d. day of July 1776. Came William Moriand and Thomas Jones two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will of James Keech late of Charles County,