In the name of God Amen March the 11th day One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy five I William Venables of Somerset County and Province of Maryland being sick and weak in Body but of sound and perfect Mind and Memory and calling to Mind the uncertainty of this life have thoat propper to settle my affairs of this World inform and Manner following Viz.

1st I give and bequeath unto my Son John Venables all my Lands that lyeth on the North Side of a line Begining at a marked green Cypress marked in three Sides with three Notches which tree Standeth at the Mouth of a Valie that is between my now Dwelling House and Salsbery and from the said tree with a line to the Eastward that shall strike a Walnut Tree that Stands forty or fifty Yards of the said Cyprus marked with two Notches on two sides the said line to continew straight to my Mill Pon and then up and with the said Mill pon as far as my Lands extends on the Westermost Side of the said Mill pon and then begining at the Cyprus aforesaid and running North West unto the lines of Wm Dunnock Lands bought of Wm McClenmay (excepting four Acres of Land hearafter Mentioned to my Daughter Mary Venables) as Also a Negro Boy called George and one called Charles and a Bay Horse called Dabster a feather Bed & furniture my Silver Watch my Gun and twenty five Pounds Common Money of Maryland to be paid him by my Executor every Year he shall Stay with Mr. Mathew Wilson to Studdy Phisick and two Hundred Pounds Common Money of Maryland to be paid him by my Executors on the first day of the January that shall be after he arrives at the Age of twenty one Years old to him and his Heirs forever—

2dly I give and bequeath unto my Good friend Mathew Wilson twenty five Pounds Common Money of Maryland p.r Year to be paid him by my Ex.rs as long as my Son John Venables Shall Stay with him to Studdy Phisick—

3dly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Venables four Acors of Land on the North side of a line described in John Venables devise and on the Eastermost Side of the Main Road which Divids Worcester and Somerset Counties to be laid off as she Shall chose it, in one Body and a Negro Woman called Martha and a Girl called Lucy and a Case of Drawers and a dark Bay Horse called Strike fire and a Saddle with a blew plush Skip and Bridle and my feather Bed and furniture whereon I now commonly lieth and a suit of Red Checht Curtins thereto belonging to her and her Heirs and Assigns forever—

4thly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Horsey one Negro Boy called Jeoby and a Girl called Hetty and a Bay Horse called Punch and Mare which is now in her Possession as Also all other things, heartofore (given

given her by me, to her and her Heirs forever—

5th I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Peggie Horsey a Colt which is now with the Mare devised to Ann Horsey to her and her Heirs or Assigns forever—

6th I give and bequeath unto my four Grandchildren that is to Say unto Polley Collings Nancy Collings Jenney Collings and Peggie Collings twenty Pounds ammon Money of Maryland to be paid each of them out of my Estate at day of Marriage or their Arrival at the age of Sixteen Years it is my desire that my Son in law John Collings receive the said twenty Pounds a piece for my said four grand Children and deliver it to them when they arrive at the Age of Sixteen Years or day of Marriage

7th I leave unto my Grand Daughter Mary Edgel Ten pounds ammon Money of Maryland to be paid unto her at her day of Marriage or age of Sixteen Years and no more of my Estate—

8th I leave unto my Grandson Mathias alias Jeroboam Venables Forty Pounds Common Money of Maryland twenty Pounds of which to be Applyed to his Education at the discretion of my Ex.rs and the other twenty to be paid him at his arrival to the Age of Twenty one years—

9th I give and bequeath unto my Son in law John Collings four Acors of Land on the South Side of my Mill Branch to be laid off by the discretion of my Daughter Bettey Scoglimore alias Nevens out of any of my Lands which lyeth on the South Side of the Branch aforesaid in one Body, and the fifth part of my Moveable Estate after my Legeses Just debts and legal charges are paid for the only use of my Daughter Betty Scoglimore alias Nevens and no other use or purpose whatsoever for and during her Natural life and after her decease to my Grand Daughter Catherene Scoglimore and her Heirs and Assigns forever.

10th If my Son William Venables shall at the Reasonable request of my Daughter Betty Scoglimore alias Nevens Build and finish a House Twenty four foot Wide and Sixteen feet long in a plain neat manner to have two Rooms on the lower floor a double Brick Chimney and necessary Glazed Window in it and the Roof to be Shingled, to be Build on the four Acors of Land bequeathed unto my Son in law John Collins for the only use of my said Daughter Bettey and pay unto my Daught. Mary Venables ten Pounds Common Money of Maryland p.r Year for the first three years after my decease if she lives Single and lets her have quiet and peaceable possession in my now dwelling House for herself and furniture Then I give and bequeath unto him my Son William all my Lands and Mills not heartofore Sold by me to him & his Heirs or Assigns forever but in case my Son William Venables Should not Comply with this my Will then and in that case my Will is, that my said Lands and Mills be sold to the best Advantage and one Hundred and Sixty Pounds of the Purchase Money be delivered unto my Son in law John Collings one Hundred Pounds of which to be Applied to Building

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