Prerogative office to wit May 3d 1777 Came Wm Stewett one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will, and made Oath that he saw Daniel Bowie the Testator Sign and Seal this Will and heard him publish pronounce and Declare the Same to be his last Will and Testament, and that at the time of his So doing he was of a Sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, to the best of his apprehension, and that he together with Bryan Philpot Signed his name as a Witness to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other. This Deponent further Saith that a third Witness was called in to Sign this Will but cannot recollect to have Seen that third person Sign his name as a Witness to it

Sworn before me Elie Nallette Regr Pro

April 6th 1777.

In the name of God Amen, I Benjamin Berry Planter of Prince Georges County Maryland, being of Sound mind & understanding do make this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following. — First I commit my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God, that gave it & my Body to the Earth to be decently buried at the Direction of my beloved wife

Item, I Will & bequeath all my Sands to my beloved Wife during her life & after her Decease to be Sold at Public Vendue & the money arising to be equally Divided among my brothers & Sisters or their respective Heirs. —

Item, I Will & Bequeath to my beloved wife negroes Guck, Davy Kit Poole, little Will, little Charles, Kate, Bett, little Legg & Moses. —

Item, I will & Bequeath to my beloved Sister Lucy Berry Negroes little Man, & Nacy; also a Bed & furniture a Cow & Calf with three Silver Table Spoons & six Silver Tea Spoons. —

Item, It is my Will & desire that ye remainder of my Negroes be Sold at public Vendue & that my just Debts be first Discharged with the Money arising from the Sale of them & the overplus to be Divided equally among my Brothers & Sisters or their respective Heirs. —

Item, I Will & Bequeath all my plate & household furniture to my dearly beloved wife together with all the Stock of Horses, Cattle, Sheep & Hogs with all the plantation utensils (also)

also I give her the Crop of Tobacco now in the House & leave her my Executrix & Mr David Crawford & my beloved Brother John Berry my Executors. —

The within Will & Testament — Signed Sealed & Acknowledged in the presence of . . . — } Benja Berry (Seal)

Joseph Digges
Henry Brookes
Rich. Keene Scott } In the back of the aforegoing Will was thus Writ Wizt

Prerogative office to wit May 1st 1777 Came Henry Brookes and on the 8th May 1777 Came Joseph Digges two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made Oath that they saw Benjamin Berry the Testator Sign and seal this Will and heard him publish pronounce and declare the Same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of a Sound and Disposing mind Memory and understanding and that they together with Richard Keene Scott Signed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Sworn before me Elie Nallette Regr

In the name of God Amen, I Ann Gibbs of Prince Georges County being weak & lowe in State of health being in perfect mind and Sound Memory blessed be God for the Same considering the uncertainty of this life and the certainty of Death when it shall please God to call therefore thought Good to make constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament and no other by me made as following I commit my Soule to Almighty God that gave it to me and my body Desiring it may be berried in Such manner as my Execr hereafter named shall think fit and for that Small Portion of Goods which hath Pleased God to give unto me desiring it may be Disposed of in manner & form following

I give devise & Bequeath unto my Son James L. Gibbs One feather Bed & furniture

I give Devise & Bequeath unto my Son John H. Gibbs all the Residue of my Estate that I have in the World desiring of him to pay all my just and lawfull Debts, I do appoint & Ordaine my Son John H. Gibbs to be my hole & Soale Executer of this my last Will and Testament, which I have unto Set my hand & Seale this 28th Day October 1776. —

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presents of . . . } (Seal)