In the name of God amen, Bohemia Manor Sept.r 20.th 1776
Cecile County Maryland, The last Will & Testament of me Samuel Bayard being in my right Mind but weak in Body and not knowing how soon the Lord may call me to himself to a better inheritance of his appointment through his son Jesus Christ for the great Attonement of all my sins & his own righteousness to cover my naked soul & the holy spirit to sanctify me through the blood of sprinkling of the son of God to under me pure before the throne of God.

First then I do Constitute & Ordain my oldest Sons Samuel & Peter Bayard to be Administrators of all my Estate movable & immovable & after all my just debts to every One are paid then to proceed as follows Viz.t.

To have my Plantation According to the first survey of which there is a Platt as I think stands upon Record valued with all the Improvements thereon as also all my movables with all debts due to me that may be recovered

Secondly, I Will to my Oldest son Samuel One hundred & Fifty Pounds Current Money exclusive of the Plantation Improvements & debts due to me as they are valued by two honest & Judecious persons as extraordinary besides his equal dividend with his Brothers & Sisters.

Thirdly my Will is that no debt standing against my son Peter upon Book shall Operate against him but be fairly blotted out & he have an equal share with his Brothers & Sisters

Fourthly my Will is that Stephen & Benjamin Bayard have an equal share with their Brothers & sisters.

Fifthly, I likewise give & Bequeath to my six Daughters Viz.t Mary Rebeckah Susanna Elisabeth Ann & Franscina Bayard an equal part & shear of all my movable & Immovable Estate after payment of debts & the dividend mentd to my Son Samuel as afsd.

Sixthly I Will that my two old People Tom & Hany if they survive me to be well taken care off by my son Samuel let them be free as they are old and supply their wants as they need as well as you can.

Seventhly I do solemnly protest & it is my Will that for certain reasons which are well known to myself and Family & to my Oldest Daughter Mary that unless her manner of life is altered and that she behave

according to what her Brothers & Sisters have just reason from their knowledge to think is consistent with that dignity & good conduct which is the glory of her sex I say unless she so does I do disinherit her of all right to any part of my Estate as abovementioned Five Shillings sterling excepted injoining at the same time that she be treated by her Brothers & Sisters to the last degree as they know in their souls it is my desire she should namely with Charity & have.

Thus I concludes this my last Will & Testament revoking all Wills & Testaments before this day made by me in Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above Written Witness present.

Thomas his T Wallace — Sam.l Bayard sen.r (Seal)
Edward mark Foard, the word will in 2.nd line interlind before signing,
Sarah Tull

Cecil County Sct On the eleventh day of December 1776 then came Samuel Bayard & Peter Bayard & made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true & whole Will & Testament of Samuel Bayard late of Cecil County deceased that came to their hands or possession and that they do not know of any other. And at the same time came Thomas Wallace & Edward Foard two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will & Testament of Samuel Bayard late of Cecil County deceased and severally made Oath on the holy Evangels of almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named sign & seal this Will and that they heard him publish pronounce & declare the same to be his last Will & Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound & disposing mind memory & understanding and that they and Sarah Tull the other Witness respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence & at the request of the Testator & in the presence of each other.

Exam.d T.d Wades

Certified by Barnck Williams
Depy. Comy Cec.l Cy

In the name of God amen I Moses Scott of Millford Hundred and County of Cecil and province of Maryland being sick and