

In the name of God Amen I John March of Kent County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak of Body but of sound mind & memory, knowing the certainty of death and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, do therefore make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following, that is to say first and principally I commit my soul to God, and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named

Item I give & devise to my daughter Mary a Negro boy called Will
Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Araminta a Negro boy called Solomon, a feather Bed, and a small cow.

Item my Will & desire is, and I hereby authorize & empower William Merritt and John Lamb both of Kent County ^{in the} State of Maryland aforesaid or the survivor of them to sell and dispose of all my Real Estate and personal Estate, not already devised, Immediately after my death or as soon as ^{it} conveniently can be done.

Item I give & bequeath the money arising from the Sale of said Real Estate and personal Estate after payment of my just debts & funeral Charges, to my eight children to wit my two Sons Peregrine and John, and six daughters Hannah, wife of William Berry, Elizabeth the wife of John January, Sarah, Mary, Araminta & Ann to be equally divided among them by my Executors hereafter named, Except that my said Son Peregrine is to have two Shares.

Item my Will & desire is that the fifty pounds Current money I have already given to my daughter Elizabeth be deducted from her Share, and that thirty pounds for the Negro Boy Will given to my daughter Mary be deducted from her the said Marys Share.

Item my desire and Will is that my daughter Hannahs Share be put to Interest on bond with Security by my Executors, and that the Interest arising therefrom be paid to the said Hannah during the lifetime of her Husband, ^{for the support of her children, but if she shall happen to die before her} then the principal and Interest to be equally divided among all her children, and also that my daughter Araminta's Share be put to Interest on bond with Security by my Executors for the use of her the said Araminta