

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Nicholson of Kent County in the Province of Maryland being of perfect and disposing mind and memory, do Ordain constitute direct and appoint this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made — — — Impremis I give and bequeath to my Wife Mary Nicholson in View and as Effectual bar of her Dower on thirds of my Estate (for and during her Widowhood only) all the Negroes and their Increase (all the Stock in kind and Quality) — as by me received from her Fathers Estate, And likewise the Sum of Four Hundred and seventy Pounds Common money, and also Two Negro Woman named Bett and Dark and their Increase, and the House and Lott wherein I now live, and upon her Death or Intermariage, I give and bequeath the Negroes, Stock, and Money afd unto my two Children, Joseph Nicholson and Henrietta Nicholson (Children by my Wife Mary) and the Issue of their Bodies lawfully to be begotten, and in case they dye before they arrive (my Son Joseph) to the age of Twenty one years, and my Daughter Henrietta to the age of Sixteen or day of Marriage, then over to the Issue of my son Joseph Nicholson (by my first wife Hannah) and his wife Elizabeth by them to be Begotten Equally to be divided Per Capita or by the Head — — —

2<sup>dly</sup> My Will and desire is, that in case my wife does not stand to this my Will and accept the Devise afd as an Effectual Bar of her Dower of my Estate, then and in such case, all my Estate shall be divided between my Children by my first Wife Hannah Nicholson. — — —

3<sup>dly</sup> I devise to my son Joseph Nicholson and his Heirs (upon the death or Coverture of my wife) the House and Lott wherein I now live — he paying unto my other Children the sum of Six Hundred Pounds in Spanish Milled Dollars at seven Shillings and Six pence each or half Doles, at three Pounds, each, or any passing current money equal to Gold and Silver at the Denominations afd within twelve