

In the name of God amen I John Gilbert of Kent County & State of Maryland being in an Indifferent state of health but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is ordained for all men once to die, do therefore make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that I recommend my Soul into the hands of ^{almighty} God who gave it, and my Body to be buried in a decent & Christian like manner at the discretion of my Excutrix, and as for such worldly goods which it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and devise in way and manner following.

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Mary my dearly beloved wife four certain Negroes that is to say Judge & Rachel his wife, Jone and Nero, also my riding chair and her choise of all my Horses - Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Phebe Gilbert a Negro fellow called Jim, also a Negro Woman called Hannah, also a Negro boy called Jerry, also a Negro girl called Kate, and a Negro boy called Stephen, one third of all the Remainder and Residue of my Estate I give and bequeath unto Mary my dearly beloved wife, and the remaining two thirds I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Phebe Gilbert to her heirs and assigns forever. My Will further is that my Daughter Phebe Gilberts part of my stock and Household goods shall be sold at Vendue Immediately after my decease, and the money they sell for to be put out on Interest which Interest I give and bequeath unto my wife during her widowhood, but if it should happen that my Daughter Phebe should die before she comes to Lawfull age, then my Will is that all her Estate shall descend to Cap^t. Josiah Johnson to him & his heirs and assigns forever, But if Cap^t. Josiah Johnson should be then also dead my Will is that in that case all my Daughter Phebe Gilberts Estate shall then be equally divided between all my Brother Thomas Gilberts children, And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Mary my dearly beloved wife to be Excutrix of this my