This is the Last Will & Testament of me the Subscriber John Morton Jordan of
Annapolis in Maryland and late of London Merchant

I revoke all former Wills ___ I desire all my Debts to be paid

I give unto my Dear Wife Dorothy Jordan all my plate, pictures and Household
Linen, all the provisions of every kind laid in for the support and consumption
of my Family, with either of my Carriages & pair of Horses, she shall chuse ___
for ever

I devise unto my dear Wife my Lotts of Ground in the City of Annapolis a foresaid and
all the Improvements thereon & appurtenances, together with my House hold Fur-
niture (except as above) and all my Domestick Servants (excepting my Negroe
Man Phill) for and during the Term of Three years to be computed from the time
of my decease provided she continues her residence in this province so long

I desire that my Executors William Hemsley & Edward Tilghman or the Survi-
vor of them at the expiration of the said Three years or sooner if my dear Wife should
remove from this province in the mean time shall sole and dispose of for the best
advantage my said Lotts of Ground and the Improvements & Buildings thereon &
appurtenances provided a Sum of Money not less than Fifteen hundred pounds Ster-
ling can be got for them independant of what money I myself or my Executors ___
shall or may advance to Joseph Horatio Anderson for erecting and building a Brick
Dwelling House on the Lott contiguous to that whereon I now reside, which money
is to be advanced as well as what has already been advanced shall be reimbursed
to my Executors by the Purchasers of the said Lott so to be built upon ___ And also
that my said Executors or the Survivor of them at the expiration of the said Three
years or sooner if my Dear Wife shall remove from this province in the mean that time
shall sole all my House hold Furniture and Domestick Servants devised as above to my
Dear Wife under the provisoe af.d

I desire that my Executors shall sole all the rest and residue of my personal Es-
tate as soon as conveniently may be after my decease excepting my wearing Ap-
parel, Watch & Seals, Buckles, Buttons Swords & Pistols which I give to my
Son

I devise unto my dear Wife Four hundred pounds Currency (naming Dollars at 7/6 each)
Ø Annum during the said Term of Three years next after my decease in full satisfac
-tion for that space of time of her Thirds of the residue of my Estate real & personal

I desire that my Executors Thomas Jett & William Bernard or the Survivor of them
shall sole for the best price and advantage all my Lands in Richmond County in

in Virginia provided they can be sold at a Guinea ⅌ Acre or more

I desire that my said Executors Thomas Jett & William Bernard or the Survivor of them shall sell for the best price and advantage all my Lands in Culpepper County in Virginia in case a Sum of Money not less than Two hundred and fifty pounds Sterling can be got for them

I also desire that my said Executors Thomas Jett & William Bernard or the Survivor of them shall sell for the best price and advantage all my Lands, Ware Houses Stores & Wharfs in Leeds Town in Virginia in case they can be sold for a Sum of Money not less than Six hundred pounds Sterling)

Whereas I have expended a large Sum of Money for and upon my real Estate in the Island of Antigua & a further Sum is requisite to compleat the Improvement & unless the same be compleated the Expence incurred will not answer the beneficial purposes I have in view Therefore I do desire that out of the Monies which shall arise from the sale of my real & personal Estate in Maryland & Virginia and also out of the rest of my personal Estate, so much and such part thereof shall be applied to the completion of the Improvements of my Antigua Estate as may be sufficient for the same — And I hereby nominate and appoint the Honourable Thomas Jarvis Esqr of the Island of Antigua to manage, superintend & have compleated the Improvements on my said Antigua Estate

I desire that upon the expiration of the Three years next after my decease the said Sum of Four hundred pounds Currency afsd desired as above to be paid my dear Wife half yearly) shall determine & cease and that she shall from thenceforth be entitled to and receive the whole Income & profits that shall arise from my said Antigua Estate for and during the Term of other Three years to commence from the end & expiration of the first aforesaid Three years to her own Use my said dear Wife maintaining & educating our Son during that time after which I give unto her one full third part of the nett annual Income and profits of my sd Antigua Estate during her Life — And in Case one half of the annual nett Income & profits of my Antigua Estate should at any time during the first Three years aforesaid amount to the Sum of Four hundred pounds Currency as aforesaid or upwards ⅌ annum then it is my Will any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding that the said Four hundred pounds Currency afd ⅌ Annum shall determine and cease and that my said dear Wife shall from such Time have and be entitled to for the residue of the said first Three years one half of the whole nett annual Income & profits of my said Antigua Estate ——

I give and devise unto my dear Wife after the termination of the Three years first above for and during her Life, one third part of the rents of my real Estate in Maryland & Virginia in case they should not be sold as above desired — But if they should be sold then I give her One third part of the Interest arising annually from the Purchase Money of my said real Estate or of so much thereof as shall not be necessarily expended in the completion of the Improvements of my said Antigua Estate the other part of my Estate being

first applied to that purpose

I also devise unto my dear Wife after the opperation of the first three years above one third part of all my other Estate which shall then remain unapplied to my Antigua Estate Improvements ———

I devise unto my Half Sister Mrs Mary Sydenham Widow of Jonathan Sydenham late of London Merchant deceased Two hundred pounds Sterling and desire that One hundred pounds part thereof shall be paid at the opperation of the first year next after my decease and that the other hundred pound part thereof be paid her at the opperation on Thsecond year after my decease

All the rest & residue of my Estate of every kind I give to my dear ——— Son John Nisbett Jordan, and desire that such proportion of the profits of my Antigua Estate and of the Interest & profits of my other Estates may be applyed in his maintenance and Education (except for such time as his dear Mother shall maintain and Edu- cate him) as may be suitable to his degree & Estate requireing that all profits and Interest beyond such proportion may be placed out for his Benefit from time to time on good and sufficient Security in the province of Maryland If Inter- est continue there at 6 pCent But in Case my son should die in his minority and without lawfull Issue then I give my whole Real Estate to his Mother my dear Wife for her Life, and all my personal Estate of what nature or kind soever ——— To my said dear Wife to be absolutely her own and subject entirely to her controle & disposition And after the decease of my said Dear Wife I give the said Antigua Estate & all my Lands with the appurtenances in Maryland and Virginia if not before that time sold as desired unto the Heirs at Law of Joseph Morton & George Morton my Half Brothers both deceased and to the Heir at Law of my half Sister Frances Morrow then if she should be dead at such time or the contingency should happen, but if living to her Heir apparent and their Heirs forever to be equally divided among them

If my dear Wife should die before my Son and he also should die during his minority and without Lawfull Issue then I devise that the Heirs at Law of Joseph Morton and George Morton as and the Heir at Law of the said Frances Morrow then if she should be dead at the time of such contingency falling, but if living her Heir apparent and their Heirs shall have all the real & personal Estate which shall be the property of or belong to my son at such time of his decease

I request and desire that the Honourable Daniel Dulany Esqr of the City of Annapolis afsd shall have the Direction of my Sons Education ———
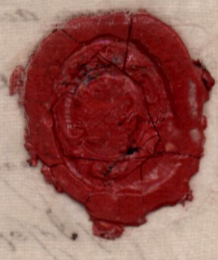
I appoint the aforesaid William Hemsley and Peregrine Tilghman both of Queen Anns County Esqrs in Maryland Executor of this my Will in respect of my Estate in Maryland — And Thomas Jett and William Bonner Esqrs of Virginia my Executors

thereof in respect of my Estate in Virginia And Michael McNamarra of great George street
Westminster London & Edmund Jennings Esqr of Maryland Executhers thereof in respect of my Estate
in England devising all my property in Ships wheresoever they may happen to
be employed at my decease as also all my Tobacco's then on Board any of my said
Ships or purchased to put on Board them for England as part of my English
Estate — And in Case my dear Wife should chuse to be concerned in the execution
of this my Will I then desire that she may be a be Executrix with respect to all or
any of my Estates in Maryland Virginia & England or in any or either of the said
places and as such be concerned in the sale of all or any of my Estates above devised
or to be sold

If it should so happen that the power I have given to my Executors in relation to
the sale of my Lands should not be executed by them then I desire that on application
on to the proper Chancery Jurisdiction in Maryland or Virginia as the case may require
the said Sale & Sales may be directed thereby in such manner as such Jurisdiction
shall judge proper in the Course of a summary proceeding without any delay on
account of the minority of my Son — But it is my Will that the said Lands shall not
be sold by any means for less than is mentioned before in this Testament — In
Witness whereof I have hereto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this sixth Day of June
in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy one

Signed Sealed published and declared by the
above John Morton Jordan, as and for his said   John Morton Jordan
Will & Testament in the presence of us, who at
his request, in his presence, & in the presence
of each other have subscribed our Names as
Witnesses thereto

Jn. Tilghman 3d.

Thomas Gassaway Junr

Charles Stewart

Prerogative Office to wit   }   Came James Tilghman 3d, Thomas Gassaway Junr
September 16th 1771   }   and Charles Stewart the three Subscribing Witnesses to the
                                within Will, and made Oath on the holy Evangels of almighty
                                God that they saw John Morton Jordan the Testator herein named
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
several Apprehensions of a Sound and disposing Mind, Memory and understanding; and that
they severally subscribed 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

Walter Dulany Comry Genl —

Queens Town Sep.t 19th 1771.

Sir

We are informed by M.r Merriweather
that M.r Jordan is certainly dead, And as
we are appointed Executors for his Maryland
Business, we begg leave to inform You that
we cannot possibly Act, & take this Method
to relinquish the Executorship

We are Sir y.r Hub.l Sev.ts

W.m Hemsley

Peregrine Tilghman

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Caroline Garrick
John Garrick