

hundred and eight made his Last will and Testament ...
 writing and now Recorded in the prerogative Court of the
 province leaving Mary his wife sole executrix thereof and
 having well considered and perused the same will declar-
 ing full approbation thereof but before he could sign &
 solemnly publish the same dyed suddenly - This present
 Generall Assembly being well informed thereof and willing
 as in good Reason and Conscience obliged to see the Will of
 the Dead performed do pray that it may be enacted - And be
 enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty by and with
 the advice and Consent of her Majesty's Governour Councils and
 Assembly of this province and the authority of the same -
 That the aforesaid Last will & Testament of the said Colonel John
 Contee Recorded as aforesaid shall by the authority of this Assembly
 and by Vertue of this act in all Courts and before all Judges
 be deemed deemed reputed and taken to be the Last will and
 Testament of the aforesaid Colonel John Contee as if the same
 had been by him in his Lifetime actually signed sealed
 published and declared in the presence of the three witnesses
 who have proved the same in Common forme & that the sever-
 = all Devises and bequests therein specified shall be deemed lawful
 & adjudged to be of full force & Efficacy to all Intents and
 purposes whatsoever to wit to the severall persons therein
 named and their heirs & Assignes to the Goods Chattels Lands &
 Tenements therein & thereby to them expressed to be bequeathed & devised
 notwithstanding the defect of the same Will not being signed sealed
 published & declared by the said Colonel Contee any Law Statute Usage or Custom
 to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding -

By the House of Deeds 15th December 1708.

Read and assented to by the House of Deeds. Signed & ordered Richd Dalmon.

December 16th 1708 - Then was the Bill read & assented to by the House of Deeds.

December 17th 1708 - Signed & ordered Wm Cadogan & Council

On the behalf of our Sovereign Lady Ann Queen of Great Britain
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal
 10. Decem. 1708