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Edward Mereday being weak and sick in body but by the grace of God in perfect memory God made this my last will and Testament as followeth I impo-
bequeath my soule into the hands of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ my
maior and Redeemer in hope of a glorious resurrection &c. Itt I comitt my
Body to the earth to have Christian buriall &c. And for what worldly
estate God hath endowed mee withall I give and bequeath to Edward
Murse Esq^r Agent generall of the Royall African Company of England
at Cabo Corso making him my sole Executor and Amihilating and
making void All former Wills and Testaments by mee heretofore made
In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seale this sixteenth day of
february Anno 1687 In the istond yeare of the reigne of our Sovereign
Lord James by the grace of God King &c. the mark of Edward Mereday
Sealed signed and delivered in the presence of in perfect memory Signum
Edward Anderson Francis Stanton

Samuel Inshing

Probatum

fuit in iudicio testamentum apud London
Coram venerabili et erudito viro Domino Richardo Dornico Wille Esq^r
Droic Curie Prerogativa Cantuariensis Magistro Custod^r sive
Commisario lino Consti tuto quinto die mensis May Anno Domini
Millimo sexcentimo octogesimo octavo Juramento Admisi Dornice
Armag^r Executoris in dco testamento nominat Qui Commissa fuit
Administratio omnium et singuloru bonoru inuim et creditorum dco
defuncti De bono et fidelit^r Administrando eadem ad Seta Sti Evangel
Jurat. *Quod*

In the name of God Amen Georgij Masters

the nineteenth day of January in the year of our Lord God One
Thousand Six hundred eighty and seven I George Masters of
the City of New Caum in the County of Wilts Clothier being sick
and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks bee to Almighty
God God made ordains Consti tute and appoint this my last will and
Testament in manner and forme following first I give and bequeath my
Soule into the hands of God Almighty hoping through the merits of my
Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ to have and enjoy eternall life when
this mortall life shall have an end And for my worldly estate which God
hath blessed mee with I give and dispose of the same as followeth
first I give and devise unto my son Samuel Masters Clerke the summe
of one hundred pounds of Currant English money Item I give and devise
unto my said Sonne Samuel Masters his Executors administrators and
Assignes All that my Leasehold estate in Wilbford in the said County of
Wilts which I formerly bought of George Marshall Gentleman To
hold to the said Samuel Masters his Executors administrators and Assignes
for and during the remainder of my term and estate therein Item I
give and bequeath unto my son John Masters the summe of five
pounds upon Condition that I survive Anne my now wife and in case my
said wife shall be living at the time of my dease Then I give and bequeath
unto my said Sonne John Masters the summe of fifty pounds of Currant
English money Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Prant

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wife of Robert Prantlett the summe of ffifty pounds to bee for her selfe and
 separate use and benefitt and her husband, not to have anything to doe therewith
 and soe I doe hereby appoint Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter
 Abigail wife of Zachary Edwards of Oxford the summe of ffifty pounds for her
 selfe and separate use and her said husband, not to have any thing to doe therewith
 but that each of my said Daughters Mary Prantlett and Abigail Edwards
 a part and without their husbands shall have and enjoy the same and have
 full power from time to time to dispose thereof during their respective lives by
 any writing under their hands and that their and either of their respective
 Acquittances Release and discharge shall bee taken and bee as good and
 available in law to all intents and purposes as if their respective husbands had
 joined with them therein Item I give to my sister Sarah Browne the
 wife of Thomas Browne the summe of Tenne pounds for her selfe and separate
 use and her husband, not to have anything to doe therewith Item I give and
 bequeath to all my grandchildren Thirty shillings a peece Item I give and
 bequeath to
 wills wisdom the summe of Thirty shillings Item I
 give to the poore of the parish of St. Edmund in the City of New Sarum the
 summe of ffifty shillings to be paid and distributed as my Executors herein
 after named shall thinke fitt Item I give to Anne my wife the summe
 of Tenne pounds Item my will is that Anne my said wife shall dwell and
 inhabit in that part of the house she dwelt in before our intermarriage during
 the tyme of six monethes commencing immediately after my decease without
 paying any Rent for the same Item I give to my sonne John Masters my
 warping barr skive the Trough under the warping barr my spooling turne
 and swift my hearte spoole my beames and waddon wights both at home
 abroad my Sallets and hurdles to beate wooll on with the beating rades
 my surplus and wrist with the washing Tubbs, oyle Tubbs kettles and ladles
 my spanish barges to dry wooll on and all my staves All the rest of my goods
 and Chattells, my Debts and legacies being paid and funerall expenses
 discharged, my will is shall bee divided amongst my four Children Samuell
 John Mary and Abigail equally share and share alike Also my will is and
 soe I doe bequeath and appoint that if any losse happen or if any debt or debts
 owing to mee shall prove desperate and not be paid that then such losse shall
 be proportionably borne and sustained out of the severall Legacies except
 the said Leasehold estate lying in Wilford aforesaid by the severall
 Legacies herein before named which said Leasehold estate herein before
 given and devised by my me to my sonne Samuell my will is shall bee free and
 exempted from any abatement or Charge whatsoever by reason of any such
 losse as aforesaid Lastly I doe hereby make ordaine and appoint my said
 sonne Samuell Masters and John Masters Executors of this my last will
 Testament the said severall Legacies above given to bee paid in Twelve
 moneths after my decease In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand
 and seale the day and yeare first above written George Wasterd. Signed sealed
 published and declared to bee the last will and Testament of the said
 George Wasterd in the presence of John Strain & Robert Antrum Sec
 William Aubrey.

Probatum fuit huiusmodi testium apud London Foram
 venerabili et egregio viro Domino Richardo James Milite Regium Prore
 curie Prærogative Cantuariensis Magro Custode sive Commissario.

legitimo constituto Sextimo die mensis Maii Anno Domini Millesimo
septemcentesimo octogesimo octavo Juramentis Sanctis Magistris et Johis
Magistris fidei et executorum in dicto Testamento nominat Quibus Commissa
fuit Administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum jurium et reddituum
dicti defuncti Et bonis et fideliter Administrando eadem ad Seta dei Evangelia
Fuerat

In the Name of God Amen

Thos Hug Mortimer

the fourth day of february in the third year of the reign of our
Sovereign Lord James the second of England Scotland France and
Ireland King Defender of the faith etc Anno Domini One thousand six
hundred eighty seven I Hugh Mortimer of Twerton in the County
of Devon Esquire being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory
praised be God calling to minde the mortalitye of my body and that it is
appointed for all men unto to die Doe make and ordaine this my last will
Testament in manner and forme following that is to say first and
principally I give my soule into the hands of Almighty God who gave it
me and for my body I commit it to the earth to be buried in a decent
Christian manner not doubting but at the resurrection I shall receive
the same againe by the mighty power of God And as touching such
worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bestow upon mee I give devise and
bequeath the same as followeth Item I give and bequeath to Mary my wife
the house I now live in and the house next adjoining in which Joseph Thase
now liveth To have and to hold the said houses immediately from and after my
decease for and during her naturall life Item after the death and decease of
my said wife I will that my house in which I now live with thappurtenances
shall be and remaine to my daughter Julian Mortimer To have and to
hold the same house with thappurtenances for and during all the estate
and terme of yeares that shall be then therein to come and unexpired Item
the said house in which Joseph Thase now lives I give and bequeath to my
daughter Mary Mortimer To have and to hold the same house with
the appurtenances immediately from and after the death and decease of
my said wife for and during all the residue and remainder of my
estate and terme therein to come and unexpired Item to my daughter
Julian I give Two hundred pounds of lawfull money to be put into the
custody of my Executors in Trust hereafter in this my last will and Testament
mentioned within one yeare next after my decease to be by them put out at
interest untill shee shall attaine the full age of one and twenty yeares Item
I give to my daughter Mary Two hundred pounds of lawfull money And I will
that the same be paid to my Executors in Trust within one yeare after
my decease and to be by them put out at interest untill shee shall attaine
the full age of one and twenty yeares And if either of my said Daughters
shall happen to die before shee attaine the full age of one and twenty yeares
Then my will is that her part with the increase and profits thereof
shall be and remaine to the survivor of them provided always and my
will is that if my wife be now with Child of a sonne That then if either or
both of my said Daughters shall happen to die before they attaine the
age of one and twenty yeares her and their parts with the increase and
profits thereof shall be and remaine to my said sonne Item I give
bequeath to my father Humphrey Mortimer of Exon the summe of

*of yeares that shall
be then*

Mary