

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Blackstone of the parish of Southwark in the County of Surry Mariner being of sound Mind Memory and Understanding God be praised do by Divine permission make publish and declare these presents to be and contain my last Will and Testament in manner following And first I commend my Soul to God who gave it And my Body I commit to the Dust from whence it came to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executor hereunder named and touching the disposal of such Temporal Estate as the Lord hath been pleased to bestow upon me I order give devise and bequeath the same as followeth That is to say I give and bequeath unto my Wife Mary Blackstone my best harateen Bed with all the Beding and ffurniture thereunto belonging now in my fore Chamber and I give devise and bequeath unto my Brother Richard Blackstone and his heirs for Ever All that my Messuage or Tenement and two Acres of Land or thereabouts with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging situate lying and being at Maryland in America And I give and bequeath unto my said Brother Richard Blackstone All that my Sloop or Vesel called the Dolphin Burthen about Twenty Tons now lying at Maryland aforesaid And I give and bequeath unto my Brother in Law Hugh Coleman my fine drab cloth coat and my red waistcoat and Breeches And I order direct and appoint that my Negro servant Thomas Lawson now at Maryland all my horses and other Goods and Effects that I am possessed or elsewhere shall be sold and disposed of and the Moneys arising by Sale of the same together with all the Rest and Residue of my Goods Chattels Credits Ready Moneys parts of ships and all other my Estate whatsoever both Real and personal after payment of my just debts and ffuneral Expenses I give devise and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said Wife Mary my Honoured Mother Mary Coleman my Brother-in-Law Samuel Spurrier of the said parish of Saint John in Southwark Victualler and my sister Susannah Darby equally to be divided between them four part and share alike and I make name and constiute and appoint my said Brother-in-Law Samuel Spurrier to be sole Executor of this my Will and do revoke all former Wills by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the sixteenth day of May in the Year of our Lord Christ one Thousand Seven Hundred and fforty one. Thos Blackstone signed sealed published and declared by the said Thomas Blackstone the Testator as and for his only last Will and Testament in the presence of us. Wm Sanders Tho. Poulney. Abr. Harman

This Will was proved at London on the Twenty fifth day of May in the year of our Lord One Thonsand seven hundred and fforty one Before the Worshipfull Edward Kingston Doctor of Laws Surrogate to the Right Worshipfull John Bettsworth also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or

Commissary of the prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted By the oath of Samuel Spurrier the sole Executor named in the said Will To whom was granted Administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased being first Sworn duly to administer the same.

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