Mind Memory and Understanding and that they together with Joseph Lecompte respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the Presence of Each other.

Certified p Jn.° Goldsborough D.C. D.C.

In the name of God Amen This fifth day of April Seventeen hundred and Seventy Six I James Brown in the County of Dorchester and in the province of Maryland, Ship Right, being very sick and weak in Body but of Perfect sound mind and Memory thanks be given to almighty God for the same therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Sole unto the hands of God, that gave it, and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like and Decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executor nothing Doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the almighty Power of God, and as touching such Worldly Estate where with it hath pleased God, to bless me with in this Life, I give Devise, and Dispose of the same in the following Manner and form —

Imprimis I give and Bequeath unto my well Beloved Daughter Nancy Brown two tracts or parcels of Land lying and being in Dorchester County aforesaid near the town of Numa and on the main Road that leads from said Town to my new Dwelling plantation, the one called and known by the name of Jessys Lott and the other tract called and known by the name of Possum Ridge to her and her heirs Lawfully Begotten of her Body for Ever.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my well Beloved son James Brown all the remainder part of my Lands lying in the County aforesaid to him and his heirs for ever Lawfully Begotten of his Body for Ever.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my well Beloved Brother Robert

(Brown)

Brown twenty five acres of Marsh Land lying and being Somerset County and in the marsh Between a certain Richard Williams and Vienna Town and near the main Causeway (or road) that leads from the said Williams to said Town of Vienna, it being part of a Survey of marsh Land which I sold a part of said Survey to a certain Joseph Vennables of Sommerset County aforesaid. — Lastly I do constitute appoint and Ordain my well Beloved Wife Sarah Brown my whole and sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament Revoking and Disannulling and Setting by and Voiding all other Will or Wills by me made at any time before the Date of these presents. In Witness whereof I do hereby set my hand and affix my Seal the day and year first above Written.

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of us — — } James Brown (Seal)

Geo. Bonwill Sr.
Levin Bestpitch
Geo. Brown } On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.t

Dorchester County ss. On the 21.st day of May Anno Domini 1776 — Sarah Brown made oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of Writing is the true and whole will and Testament of James Brown late of Dorchester County Deceased that hath come to her hands or possession, and that she doth not know of any other

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Dorchester County ss. On the 21.st day of May Anno Domini 1776 George Bannill Levin Bestpitch and George Brown made oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the Testator James Brown sign and Seal the within will, and heard him Publish pronounce and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the Best of their Apprehensions of a sound and Disposing Mind Memory and Understanding and that they respectively Subscribed their Names as Witnesses thereto in the Presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other —

Certified p Jn.° Goldsborough D.C. D. County.

Dorchester County ss. on the 21.st day of May 1776. came Sarah Brown Widow of the Testator James Brown & Declared that she is not satisfied with the Deeds Will and that she Claims her Dower or third part of the Deeds Estate both real & Personal. —

Test Jn.° Goldsborough D.C. D.C.