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Item I give and bequeath unto John Gather my old Gun or fowling peece which he had a desire to have of me to be delivered unto him immediatly after my decease —

Item I do hereby order that in the first place the two Orpharts — which are as yet unsatisfied by reason of their being under age — may be satisfied Six pounds in Current English Money or Value thereof to Each Orphant and also One thousand pounds of Tobacco a peece which is in my Son John Meers hands or Custody allready.

Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Meers my true and faithfull Wife the One hundred Acres of Land with all the houses and appurtenances whereupon I now dwell to her and her assigns during her Natural life —

Item I do her further give and bequeath unto my aff. wife my Niger Boy commonly Called John Sangoe.

Item I further give and bequeath unto my aff. wife my Mare Commonly Called Cutty —

Item I do hereby further give and bequeath unto my aff. wife Elizabeth Meers the One third part of all my personal Estate. That is to Say) Goods Servants Cattell Chattells Tobacco Money plate Rings Jewells Dues Debts or Demeands, as well due upon Specialty as without Specialty (that is to Say) Bills Bonds Obligations accompts or Any Just Demand whatsoever, that may be by Any weyes or means Lawfully Called mine and that She the said Elizabeth when the said Estate Shal be so divided to have the privilege to take her first Choice —.

Item I do further give and bequeath unto Sarah Homewood my Daughter wife unto John Homewood the next third part of my Said personall Estate to all Intents and purposes to take her Choice after my Said Wife have made her Choice being Equally divided to he the Said Sarah Homewood to be delivered unto her or her assigns immediatly after my Decease.

Item I do further hereby give and bequeath unto John Meers my Son all my Lands in generall to him and his heirs for Ever Onely what Intrest I have already before given and bequeathed unto Elizabeth my well beloved wife during

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her Natural life and also the thirds of all my Lands unto her the said Elizabeth during her Natural life to be managed or otherwise disposed of According to her the said Elizabeth or her assigns order and also unto him the said John my Son the other

280. third part of my Said personall Estate to be delivered unto him or his assigns forthwith after my decease and do further hereby make and ordain my Said Son John Meeres my full and Sole Executor to See this my Said Last Will and Testament fully and Duely Executed and performed as punctually to all Intents and purposes as if the said Thomas Meeres were living and personally present.

Item further it is my desire that in Case there should be any Difference, that may or Shall arise between my Wife aff. my Daughter or my Son aff. upon the Division of my Said Estate and premises aff. that then I leave it to the Consideration of the Body of Friends commonly called Quakers to be decided and Ended between them &c.

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of us
The Mark of —
James + Smith
The mark of
Thomas + Eyres
Edward Norris —

Thomas Meeres Sealed

On the back of the above will was thus written —.
By virtue of a Comission to me directed from the Hon.ble Philip Calvert Esq.r Judge for probate of Wills and Granting of admcons. Dated the 25th day of august Last James Smith Thomas Eyres & Edward Norris the Wittnesses to this Testament appeared before me and made Oath that they Saw Thomas Meeres Sign Seal and publish this his Last Will and Testament with an Intent to make this his Last Will and Testament and that he was at the time of the Sealing and publishing the said Testament of a sound Disposeing mind

September 9th Day 1674. Samuel Chew Sealed.

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283. Die Jovis 24 Septembris —

Came William Burgesse of Ann Arundell County Gent. and Exhibited the last Will and Testament of George Puddington Late of the Same County deceased requesting to have the Same by the Wittnesses to the Same Subscribed —

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