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Contented Satisfied and paid / goods and Chattels Moveables & unmoveables what soever I give and bequeath unto my Loving wife Mrs. and my only Son Thomas Equally to be divided that Each may know their proportion hereby Constituting my said wife my Sole Executrix but in case my wife should not manage her Estate soe as may indanger the Enbezling any part of my Childs Interest in his proportion then I do desire my Loving Friends Mr. William Hatton Mr. Rand. Hanson and Thomas Dent Jointly or Severally may be possessed with what is my Childs proportion and Secure it for him against he comes to age And I do hereby request and appoint My said Friends before nominated to be Overseers to See the Execution of this my Will and intents herein mentioned In testimony hereof to all the Premisses I have here unto Set my hand and Seal the day and year above written - And in case of my wife and Childs mortality I give the whole to the Longest Survivor And if the Lord in his wisdom take them all out of this life I then will and bequeath my said Estate & all my Lands tenements and Estate Real by what denomination so ever it Becomes mine unto the Children of Mr. Rand. Hanson and his wife Viz. James Johnson Richard Hanson Thomas Hanson Junr. Hanson Barbary Hanson & Eliz. Hanson Severally to be distributed as my Overseers shall think the Surviving party's of the Sd Children shall Enjoy my said Estate as before said

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Thomas Hatton (Sealed)

Witness Geo. Dundass
Abraham Rhoads. And on the back of the Sd Will was thus written viz

Die Veneris 4 Februarij 1675 Abraham Rhoads One of the witnesses to the within Last Will and testament of Thomas Hatton deceased Made Oath that he was present at the Signing Sealing and delivery of the Same by the said Testator And that at the Signing Sealing & delivery thereof he was of a Sound disposing mind with an intent to make it as his Last Will & testament. Before me Michael Rochford Cler. Cur. Prerog.

Eodem die George Dundass witness to the within Last Will and testament of Thomas Hatton deceased made Oath that he was present at the Signing Sealing & delivery of the Same by the said testator And that at the Signing Sealing and delivery thereof he was of a sound disposing mind with an intent to make it as his Last Will & testament. Before me Signed by ord. of the Judge Testamentary Michael Rochford Cler.

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Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said testament well made & sufficiently proved and ordered that the said Rand. Hanson have administration with the Will annexed to the Sole use and behoofe of Thomas Hatton Junr. during his minority he taking first the Oath of Adm. And giving bond with Security for his due Administration therein to do the Sd Adm. immediately took and gave bond with William Harper his Surety in £100000 to Adm. & the said Exes of Edwd. with the Will annexed with warr. to peter Watts and John Chewell to appraise the Goods and Chattels of the Sd deed and to Thomas Dent Gent to swear them. Issued under the Seal of this Court immediately

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Eodem die Thomas Dent of St Georges Hundred in the County of St Marys gent and William Watts of the Sd Hundred and County Exhibited unto this Court the last will and testament of Robert Cager Late of the Horring Creek in the County aforesaid deceased and requested to be admitted to give their testimony for proof of the said testament the life of man being ever in danger & more especially now in these infectious times and the

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Said Dent and Watts were admitted to give their testimony and made Oath that they were present to see the testator Cager Sign and Seale and delivered the Testament then Shewed unto them and to which they did Subscribe their names as Witnesses & Peter Watt one of the Executors in the said Will named further requested to have Jonathan Clark and Nathaniell Fisher admitted to make proof of two Legacies given by the testator to Peter Watts Junr. Son to the said Watts and Mary his daughter by word only after the Sealing and publication of the written Will And the Judge ordered they Should be admitted to prove the said Legacy and the said Jonathan Clark and Nath. Fisher being Sworn upon the Holy Evangelists said that the Testator Cager by word of mouth bequeathed to Peter Watts Junr. two Cowes and two Calves and to Mary Watts one Mare Filly Where upon the said Testament was ordered to be recorded and that this devise of two Cows & Calves to Peter Watts Junr. and Mary his Sister Should be added to it and taken as part of his testament which Testament followeth in these words viz.

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In the Name of God Amen I Robert Cager of St Marys County & St Georges Hundred being Sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect memory being willing to settle my outward Estate that God hath blessed me with do constitute and appoint this to be my last Will and testament in manner and forme hereafter following hereby revoking all former Wills and testaments by me made. In primis I give my Soul to God wholly relying upon the Merits of Jesus Christ our Redeemer for Eternall life and Salvation and my Body to the Earth from whence it came to receive such decent burriall as my Exor. hereafter nominated shall think convenient. Item all my whole Estate both Real and personall moveable and unmoveables Lands Tenements by what manner or title Soever they are called or any way appear to be mine / my debt being first well Satisfied contented & paid / I do give and bequeath unto the inhabitants of St Georges and peculiar Hundreds in the aforesaid County and to their Survivors and Successors for ever for maintaining of a protestant Minister from time to time among them as they the Inhabitants of the Hundred or the Major part thereof Shall approve and allow of for their Ministry and teacher the Freeholders of the said two hundreds or the major part of them to Elect admitt and approve of Such from time to time to be their Minister and teacher and he so admitted to Enjoy the Benefite of my said Estate thus ordered and given as above said And I do hereby Constitute and appoint my trusty and beloved Friends Mr. Francis Sowton Mr. George Mackall & Mr. Peter Watts to be my Lawfull Exors to Solo the performance of this my Will & they to nominate Such after them as may Solo the carrying on & prosecuting from time to time the intent of this my Will According as I have before mentioned In testimony whereof I have Set to my hand and Seal this 24th of Jany 1675

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Witness Tho. Dent.
William Watts
Johnbrynn.

Robert Cager (Sealed)

And on the back of the Sd Will was thus written viz 4th Feby. 1675

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Thomas Dent and William Watts witnesses to the within last will and testament of Robert Cager deceased made Oath that they were present when the Sd testator Signed Sealed & delivered the Same as his last will and testament and that then he was of a sound disposing mind. Before me Signed by ord. of the Judge testament ary Michael Rochford Cler.

Jonathan Clark and Nath. Fisher being Sworn on the Holy Evangelists say that the said testator by word of mouth bequeathed to Peter Watts Junr. two Cowes & two Calves and to Mary Watts one Mare Filly & further say not Jonathan Clarke

Sworn 4th February 1675 before me Philip Calvert

Nath. his Mark Fisher

Afterwards Francis Sowton one of the Exors. in the said Will named came & renounced to his Right of Admon. of the Goods and Chattels of the said deceased which followeth in these words viz

To the Hon.ble Philip Calvert Esq. May it please yo. Hon.

(Whereas)