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Whereas Robert Cager of St Georges in the County of St Marys lately dwe
dd in his last Will and testament appointed me one of his Exors together
with Peter Watts and George Mathall dcd These may humbly Certifie to
Your Ho: That having Considered it I do renounce my part in the Execr ship
and by these presents resign it up unto Peter Watts above named Given under
my hand this pseent 17 to day of February in the year of our Lord 167 6

Teste Robert Grahame
(230) Henry Williams

Francis Fowton

After which the Judge look into consideration the sd Testament
and its Severall parts And for what concerns the personall Estate which lyes
only and properly under the Jurisdiction of this Court Judged the testament
well made and ordered Ires testamentary to be granted to Peter Watts Planter
the Other Exor in the said Will named he taking the Oath of Exor And the said
Peter Watts immediately took the Oath of Exor accordingly But as to that part
of the testament relating to the Real Estate of the said Testator the Judge here
suspended his Judgment till it shall be made appear to him that the In-
habitants of St Georges and Poplar Hill Landers are the Body Politick &
Capable of purchasing of Lands & tenents and to have Sues & be sued &c
Ires testamentary with Wart to Wm Hatton and Francis Hill to ap
praise the Goods and Chattels of the said deceased and to Thomas Dent
Gentl to Swear them passed under the Seal immediately Issued in 3 months

De Salvorum — 5 February

Was Exhibited the last Will and testament of Richard Keen Late of Patux
in Calvert County intitled deceased which followes in these words viz

In the Name of God Amen The first day of April in the forteith year
of the dominion of Charles II. and in the year of Our Lord God One
thousand Six hundred Seventy and two I Richard Keene of Patux River
in the County of Calvert in the province of Maryland Inholder being in
good and perfect Health and Solid Memory Thanks be to the Almighty for
the same and being Intended this present year a voyage for the kingdom
of England and the life of Man being uncertain and not knowing how
soon it may please God to call me unto Death have for the prevention
of all Strifes and debates that may arise about my temporall Estate after
my decease have made Ordained and appointed this writing following to
be my last Will and testament hereby revoking Adnulling and making
void all other Wills or testament by me heretofore made and do will that
this and no other be held reputed & construed to be my Last Will and Testament
In primis My soul I give unto God that gave it and my body to the Earth
from whence it came to be decently interred according to the Will and desire
of my Exor here afternamed in such place as she shall think convenient
to appoint Secondly for my Temporale Estate which it hath pleased God
to bless me with far above my desert I give and bequeath the same in
manner and form following That is to Say First unto my Eldest Son
Richard I give and bequeath that my plantacon whereon I now live
called Richards Mannor parcelled in Duke Gardners name Containing
One hundred and Acres or there Aboutes Lying on the South Side of Patux
River to him the said Richard his heirs and Assigns for ever Together with
the Orchard housing and buildings now upon the same or that shall be
upon the same at the day of my death Secondly I give unto my said
Son Richard five Cowes and five Calves One Bull One horse and the old
brown Mare with all her increase two white Servants one Negro
(282) Woman called Sarah the feather bed and furniture wherein I usually
lye and another bed and furniture standing in the further Chamber
commonly called the Upper Bed, Six pewter dishes One doz: of pewter

(plates)

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plates One great brass Kettle One great Iron pot two Chests That is to Say the great
Chest in the parlour the other Chest standing in the upper Roome two doz: of Napkins
three pair of Sheets a table Cloath six pillowbeers one Cuby two Tables Six leather Chairs
One third part of all my plate that I shall dye possessed of and also ten thousand pounds
of Tob: to be paid to him out of my debts that I shall leave at my death if thirty thous:
pounds of Tob: be recovered or rec: but if there shall not be so much received then a third
part of what shall be received Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my Youngest Son
John all my land in Dorchester County with all the houses buildings and orchards
thereon together with all Servts Cattle Horses Mares goods and Stock of mine that
is now upon the same or shall be upon the same at the day of my death to him &
his heirs for ever Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my said Son John the best
furniture in the porch Chamber and the bed and furniture in the hall Six pewter
dishes One doz of pewter plates two Iron pots a Gun three pair of Sheets two doz:
of Napkins Six pillowbeers One table Cloath two tables Six Leather Chairs One other
third part of all my plate that I shall dye possessed of and also ten thousand pounds
of Tobacco to be paid to him out of my debts that I shall leave at my death if thirty
thousand pounds of Tob: be recovered or received out of them but if there shall not
be so much received then a third part of what shall be received Fifthly I give & bequeath
(283) unto my Loving Niece Mary Keene daughter to Henry Keene two Cows & a
two Calves to be delivered to her after my decease off of the plantacon whereon I
now live. Sixthly my will is that if either of my sons be before they come of the Age
of Nineteen years or before they are married should happen to dye then the
Surviving brother to enjoy all that is hereby bequeathed him And if it should
so please God that they should both dye before they come of Ages or are mar-
ried, then my Loving wife Mary to have and possess all that I have hereby
bequeathed unto them to her and her heirs for ever And if it should please God
that after either or both of them after they are married should depart this life
without issue then One of them dye without issue as aforesaid the survivor of the deceased
to possess the One half of what is hereby bequeathed unto her husband and the
Surviving Brother to enjoy the Other half So And if it should so please God that
both dye without issue their Dear Wife if living to have One half of what is
hereby bequeathed unto my two Sons and my Loving Wife Mary to have the
Remainder Seventhly my will is that my Wife Mary Keene have the
tuition of my two Sons and the Managing of their Estates untill they shall
come to the Age of Nineteen Years At which time I do hereby Appoint them
and my will is that they be held and reputed of Age, And then that they have
delivered to them what is hereby bequeathed to them And I do further desire
(284) my said Wife Mary that my said Sons may by her be carefully brought up
in the fear of God and in Learning Riches She shall think convenient to
bestow upon them, Eighthly I do give and bequeath unto my dear Father
Henry Keene of Worlsborne in Surrey in the kingdom of England the sum of
twenty pounds Sterling Money of England to be paid unto him by my Exor
here afternamed if he shall belonging at the time of my decease Ninthly I do give
and bequeath unto my dear and well beloved Wife Mary Keene all my land
Stock Servts goods or Chattels what soever that do belong or appertain to me on
the North Side of Patux River as also all and Singular my Moneys Tobaccos or
Goods in England or Else where at the time of my death Excepting what is before
bequeathed And also a third part of all my plate And also I do hereby give and
bequeath unto the said Mary All the rest of my Estate that is not before bequeathed
either Real or personall to her and her heirs for ever Tenthly I do hereby
constitute Ordain and Appoint to my said dear and Loving Wife Mary to be
the Exor of this my last Will and testament And I do hereby reputes and

(construed)