Laus Deo mariland 1688

In the name of God amen The Last Will and testament
of John Acton of the County of ann arrundell in the Province of
Maryland Boatwright made this third Day of May In the Yeare of
our Lord God one thousand six hundred Eighty & Eight In manner
and following Being Weake of body but of perfect Memory
First I bequeath my Soule to God that Gaue it me In hope of a Joyfull
Resurrection In and Through the Merits of my Lord and saviour Jesus
Christ In Whom I only Trust to haue Remission of all my Sins, AND as
for my Body I Comit it to the Ground to be Decently buryed at the Discretion
of my Executr hore after Mentioned and as for my Worldly goods I
Dispose of them in manner and forme following

Item I Giue and bequeath to my sister Jane Acton one Sarge Gowne &
Petty Coat that was my mrs and two dowlas shifts

Item I Giue and bequeath to Thomas Renolls my Sarge Coat & britches

Item I Giue to my sister Sarah margot one paire of Calimah Bodyes

Item I Giue to my sister Katterine Kitton twelue yards of Collored fashian

Item I Giue & bequeath to my only sonne Richard Acton my Silver Clasps
Buttons

Item I Giue to my sister Elizabeth Smith three Ells off Dowlas & one paire
of shoos & Worsted hose

Item I Giue to my Daughter abegall Acton all her mothers head Clothes

Item I Giue to my said sonn Richard two Gunns that Was my fathers

Item I Giue to ann Baker one Womans mantle

And after my Just Debts that I owe or stand Indebted to any Person
What soever are Truely payd and the Legacies aboue said then the Re-
maining part of my parsonall Estate I Giue & bequeath to my Two
Children Richard and abegall to be Equally Deuided betwixt them & if
Either of them Dye before they Come of age then the whole to fall to the
Survivour

Item I Giue and bequeath to my sonne Richard & his heires for Euer all
my Reall Estate as well this Plantation and Land Belonging to it as
That that is due to me from the Right Honble Charles Lord & proprietor
of this Province of Maryland &c and in Case that my said sonn Dye
Before hee Comes to the age of Twenty one Years then all my said Land
To fall to my said Daughter abegall and the Law full heires of her
Body for Euer and in Case that both my said Children Dye before
They Comes to age then all my Estate both Reall & Parsonall to fall
to the next of Kinn and to their heirs for Euer

Item I Will & bequeath my said Daughter abegall and her moyetie
of my Estate to the Care Tuition and Possession of Sarah Dorsey widow
and Relict of Joshua Dorsey Late of this County Decease she Giuing
security to my Exr^s here after mentioned for her said Estate and
That my said Daughter be at age at sixteen or the Day of Marriage
And then to Receiue her said Estate

Item I Will that my the Well beloued Brother in Law John
Marriott haue the Care & tuition off my only sonn & heire Richard
Acton and the other moyetie of my Estate my said sonn to be at
age to Work for him selfe at the age off Eighteen Yeares to Work
on his own Land &c