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In the Name of God Amen. I John Powell of the county of Southampton and parish of St. Lukes being in sound sense and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

First and principally. I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God who gave to me and for what worldly Good I possess I dispose of them as follows Viz. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
I give and bequeath to my Daughter Parthia Barnes one Negro Woman named Mason, with her increase, which she now has in her possession to her and her heirs forever ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Jincy Warren one Negro Woman named Cherry which she now has in her possession with the increase of the Cherry, to her and her heirs forever ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

I give to my Daughter Sally Francis one Negro Girl named Esther, which she now has in her possession, with the increase of of the D. Esther to her and her heirs forever ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sophia Powell, one Negroe woman named Anah, which she now has in her possession, with the increase of the said Anah, to her & her heirs forever ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

My further Will and Desire is, that my Negroes all except three be hired out to maintain my Wife and Children on, during the widowhood of my wife Rebecca Powell, & those three negroes which are not hired out to be chosen from the rest agreeably to the opinion or will of my wife and Exors. hereafter named ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

I further direct, that when my son John Powell arrives at the age of twenty one years, that then there be an equal Division of my ten living Negroes amongst my Wife and Children namely John Powell, Joseph Powell and James Powell - But if my Wife Rebecca Powell should marry before my son John Powell should arrive at the age of twenty one years, that then the Division of my Negroes to be made in the same manner as as above directed. And further if my son J^r. Powell should die before the age of twenty one, that then that Division of my Negroes to be made when my son Joseph Powell arrives at the aforesaid age of twenty one years, if my wife should remain a widow, otherwise as before directed in that case. - Also I further direct that if either of my sons John Powell, Joseph Powell or James Powell, or if my wife should have any more Children by me, that if either of them die under the age of twenty one years or without lawful Issue that then my D. Negroes be divided amongst my ten surviving Children or their Representatives - I further direct that my wife keep possession of and live on my Land during her natural life or widowhood and at her Death I direct that my Land be sold and the money from the sale thereof to be equally divided amongst my sons John Powell Jos^r. Powell and Jas. Powell and the rest, that my Wife may have by me, or their Representatives - And further I direct my wife keep one Horse and four cows and calves or yearlings and the rest to be sold and the money to be divided amongst my youngest Children aforesaid; also at the Death or marriage of my wife Rebecca Powell all the rest of my estate of what nature or kind, Town or whosoever found to be sold and money arising therefrom to be divided equally amongst my youngest Children last mentioned. - Lastly I constitute and appoint my Friends Robert Murrell and Samuel Francis Exors. to this my last Will & Testament, hereby making void all other Wills by me made hereafter - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of April. 1800

Interlined before Signed