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of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight before the Reverend William Battine Doctor of Laws Surovocate of the Right worshipful Peter Calvert Doctor of Laws Master Justice or Commissioner of the prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Sarah Nichols Spinster one of the Executrices named in the said Will to whom Admonition was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased having been first sworn duly to administer power reserved of making the like grant to Elizabeth Richardson wife of John Richardson the other Executrix named in the said will when seen shall apply for the same.

Randle Stap

In the Name of God Amen

I Randle Stap of Westminster Merchant being of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make this my last will and Testament first and principally I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping for remission of all my sins through the merits of Jesus Christ my blessed saviour and saviour and my body to the Earth or sea as it shall please God and as for such worldly estate and effects which I shall be possessed of or entitled unto at the time of my decease I give and bequeath the same as followeth that is to say unto my beloved wife Catharine Stap of Westminster all Monies sum and sums of money Land Tenements Goods Chattels and Estate whatsoever as shall be any ways due owing or belonging unto me at the time of my decease I do give devise and bequeath the same unto my said wife and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said wife Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I do give and bequeath unto my said Executor all the rest and residue of my Estate whatsoever and whosoever both Real and personal hereby revoking and making void all other and former Wills by me heretofore made and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of December Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three and in the fourteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith, R. Stap Esq. signed sealed published and declared by the said Randle Stap as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the said Testator. Rob. Saffron & Thos. Evans.

This Will

was proved at London the second Day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight before the Right & worshipful Peter Calvert Doctor of Laws Master & Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Cantorb^{ry} lawfully constituted by the Oath of Catherine otherwise Catherine Stap widow the Executrix of the deceased and sole executrix named in the said will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased having been first sworn by Commission duly to administer.

In the Name of God Amen

Richard
Sharp

I Richard Sharp of the parish of Lambeth in the County of Kent and Sussex freeholder being sick and weak in body but of a sound and perfect disposing mind and memory praised be God for the same but considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time when so therefore make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker hoping through the above merits of my dear Redeemer Jesus Christ to have perfect remission and forgiveness of all my sins and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried in the parish church yard of Lambeth aforesaid at the discretion of my executor herein after named and as for such worldly Estate or Estates as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give devise and bequeath of the same as follows first I give devise and bequeath unto my loving nephews Thomas Sharp his heirs and assigns for ever all that my inheritance or dwelling house now in two dwellings with twenty acres of plain and woodlands be the same more or less with all and every the appurtenances thereto belonging situate lying and being at or near a place called the Meads in the said parish of Lambeth in the County aforesaid also I give and bequeath unto my loving brother John Sharp father of the aforesaid Thomas Sharp the sum of five shillings of lawful money of Great Britain also I give and bequeath unto my loving sister Mary Winstanley widow of the late John Winstanley deceased the sum of five shillings of like lawful money aforesaid also I give and bequeath unto my loving nephews Joseph Sharp and William Sharp sons of my loving brother Joseph Sharp deceased the sum of one shilling each of like lawful money which aforesaid legacies I desire to be paid to each respective legatee within twelve months next