

... of his common sense equally necessary to require...
of Mr. Richard L. King

In the name of God Amen

The Twentieth Day August 1700
I am well pleased to see hundred forty seven John Steel of the County of Chester and Possessor of this
Letter being late and Weak in Body but of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for his goodness
calling to mind y^e mortality of my Body and y^e his appointed unto all men once to die. To make
in this my last Will and Testament viz. Principally and first of all I give and bequeath my
Soul into y^e hands of God y^e Governor & for my Body I bequeath it to the earth to be
Buried in a Christian like and decent manner at y^e Discretion of my Ex^{ors} standing
I will but at the Gods Pleasure I shall receive y^e same againe by y^e mighty Power of Gods
and detaching such worldly estate w^{ch} I have in this life I give
and Dispose of y^e same in y^e following manner and form Imprimis after all Legall Debts are paid
I give and bequeath unto my well beloved Wife Annell Steel y^e third part of my worldly estate
in Value according to appraisment. in w^{ch} third part I order her & her lawfull wife to have and
Possess during Life y^e third Part of the Plantation. Item I do in accord y^e appraisment
that I give and bequeath unto my Eldest son James Steel y^e young^{er} share. I thought from Mr
Smith as a particular bequestment that I ~~do~~ order and appoint y^e best of my worldly Estate
to be divided in Equall Parts according to appraisment among my children viz. James Steel Eliz^{ab}
Steel William Steel and Francis Steel it being always Cautioned y^e said James Steel shall have
my Plantation as before I omitted say to best of y^e mentioned Children their Disproportionable Share
according to appraisment. Item I do hereby constitute make and ordain my well beloved Wife
Annell Steel and my Eldest son James Steel to be my sole Executor of this my last will and Testament
and I also do hereby appoint my trusty Brother or friend Peter Riggell and James Demand to be
Executors on y^e death and for y^e behalf of such of my Children as are under age, and I do empower &

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Let the Executors and James Donnell to the said and the other above mentioned Executors about the
 Execution of the said Wills and Testaments be bound in such of my Children as are under age to be hereby
 utterly excluded and disannulled all other former Wills and Testaments by me made and made to be made
 and Republished by me and that only to be my last will and testament. Witness my hand and seal the 18th day of August 1747
 I have hereunto set my hand and seal of my own free will and lawful memory. John Hall the said Testator
 Published, Pronounced and Testified by us the said Executors in presence
 of the Subscribers James Donnell John Hall the said Testator August 18th 1747. Then personally appeared
 James Donnell and John Hall of the County of Middlesex to us the said Executors
 of the said Wills and Testaments about the said John Hall the said Testator
 by above Writing to be his last will and testament and of the said John Hall the said Testator
 and Memory to be his last will and testament and of the said John Hall the said Testator

Well Remembered of the eighteenth Day of August 1747 of last Will and Testament of
 John Hall of the County of Middlesex the said Wills and Testaments in and form of Law and Probate and Letters of Administration
 was granted to the said James Donnell and John Hall the said Executors in and form of Law and Probate and Letters of Administration
 first attested according to Law and truly so administered and so proved in an Inventory of
 the said Estate in the High Court of Chancery on or before the first Day of October next to be taken
 at the said High Court of Chancery when Legally Accounts required by the said High Court of Chancery
 of the said Estate

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