

date the twenty fifth day of June last relinquish the Executorship of the said will and refuse to be concerned therein and we desiring that the goods Chattels and credits of the said deceased may be well and faithfully administered applied and disposed of according to the true Intent and meaning of his said will (a copy whereof is herewith annexed) Do grant unto you the said John Bynanck in whose fidelity we much confide full power to collect lay recover and receive all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased and the same to Administer and dispose of according to the tenor and effect of his said will and as the law directs you being first in due form of law to fulfil the will of the said deceased and pay his debts and Legacies as far forth as his goods chattels and credits will thereto extend and the law bind you and also make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to your hands Receipt or Acknowledge and to exhibit the same into the Registry of the Court of Probates of this State on or before the twenty eighth day of December next ensuing and to render a just and true account when thereunto lawfully requested and we do by these presents nominate depute Constituted and appoint you the said John Bynanck Administrator of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased together with his said will annexed In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our Court of Probates to be herewith affixed Witness Thomas Tredwell Esquire Judge of our said Court at the City of New York the first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four

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I Henry Beckman of the City of New York enjoying my usual Share of Understanding tho' in a very advanced age and duly considering the importance of a proper disposition of my temporal estate and affairs do declare this writing to be my last will and testament and after commending my soul to the mercy of God trusting to the merits of Christ for salvation and leaving my funeral to the discretion of my Executors I would have it understood that the main objects of my will are first to provide for my wife a decent support as my widow secondly to testify my affection for my daughter Livingston and thirdly consistent with the Confidence I have in her to prevent my estate on the contingency of her decease from passing to any other than her descendants whose reason which design I persuade myself M^r Livingston my son in law whom I tenderly love will as he has fair prospects from his own father heartily approve of as just and natural First therefore let it be remembered that the five lots of ground on an Angle of Beekman and City Streets in this City which I engaged in antenuptial contract made between me and my wife and Philip van Cortland deceased to devise to her are sold with my wifes consent to Trinity Church Corporation and that the produce of the sales has been laid out for her use and in improving her separate real estate on the west side of Beekmans Slip and I further declare that my wife shall not be accountable for any expediture of mine in improving her real estate aforesaid and that she shall have the full benefit of the several gifts to her contained in this will if my representatives are discharged from all advantages they may claim by virtue of the said antenuptial contract and for her dower in my estate in lieu of both which and in lieu of all other obligations or contracts I might

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have made or entered into for her use or to be disposed of ^{by her will} the said gifts are made as herein after expressed her estate being greatly augmented by my care and trouble and at my expence and therefore upon these terms I give to my said wife the use of my negro Bodin and his brother Sam and such other two of my slaves as she shall chuse to drive her together with the use of my Chariot horses the Chariot and Chaise and also all my wrought plate and furniture during her life such part of my household furniture as she brought with her at our marriage I give to her absolutely and also such Bonds and the moneys and the moneys that may be due thereon as shall have a Memorandum under my hand written on the same purporting my gift thereof to her for her sole use and I also give to her absolutely the gold and Silver Coins she has collected and holds the separate Possession of again I give to my said wife in fulfillment of the said Antenuptial contract my dwelling house and lot of ground therunto belonging during her life and direct that there be paid to her ~~during her life~~ during her life Two hundred Pounds annually and in that proportion for a shorter time the first payment to commence at the expiration of a year after my decease and further that she shall during life have the privilege of residing at my dwelling house at Rhinebeck Six Months in the year and liberty to take the fruit of Ten apple trees in the orchard at that seat according to her election every fall Secondly I bequeath Fifty pounds to my Godson Henry the Son of William Beckman Junior Thirdly my farm whereon I now live and all I occupy with it and my mills I leave to my daughter and to her husband Robert de Livingston during their lives and the life of the longest liver of them after which it is to be disposed of according to the fifth and sixth clauses of this will fourthly all the rest of my estate real and personal I devise and bequeath in the manner herein after more particularly explained to my daughter Livingston as a testimony of the great affection I have for her and had for her Mother who was a woman of the most amiable temper and of singular virtue prudence and piety meaning that as to ^{my} personal estate it shall be absolutely at the disposition of my said daughter as her own and that she shall be tenant in fee Simple of all such part of my real estate as does not lay in the County of Dutchess but of all my estate in Dutchess she shall be only tenant for life and take the rents and profits thereof without impeachment of waste and this in addition to the ample fortune which her husband has and may expect cannot fail to be an honorable provision for my said daughter Fifthly for the benefit of her children and to preserve their dependance upon their Father and Mother which for many reasons appear to me wise and prudent I do authorize my said daughter and her husband jointly during their lives and my said daughter alone in case she survives her husband by good and sufficient deeds in the law to convey the remainder of my lands tenements and hereditaments whereof she is hereby made tenant for life or whereof she and her husband are made jointly tenant for life or any portions or parcels thereof to all any or either of her children or their children respectively in such manner and upon such terms limitations and conditions as my said daughter and her husband during their joint lives or my said daughter ^{and her husband} ^{may think proper} Sixthly if by any ^{means} ^{it should happen} that my said daughter shall not exercise ^{her power} ^{respecting} my real estate above devised to her ^{jointly} ^{during their lives} and any part thereof at her

his death shall remain unrevoked pursuant to the same authority. Likewise what shall be remain unrevoked to all the children of my said daughter equally to be divided between them as tenants in common in fee simple and or share that of any of them so then dead and have left issue that such issue take the share that would have belonged to the father or mother equally to be divided among such issue of a deceased child of my said daughter if there be more than one child as tenants in common in fee simple lawfully legitimated my wife Gertrude my son in law Robert M Livingston my daughter Margaret Livingston and my friend William Smith of New York to be the Executors of his will and I give them and the Major part of them Authority to manage their my negro Robert and his brother Sam and to use so much of my estate for their Indemnity as may be necessary to give them the full benefit of their freedom after the decease of my wife or Son or the full benefit of their sales authorize my Executors or the majority of them the clerks and scriviners of them to do all acts necessary for the partition and division of any lands I may hold in common with any other person or persons in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty third day of October A.D. one thousand seven hundred and seventy five. Henry Breckman Esq. signed sealed and published by Col. Breckman the Executor to his last will and testament and signed by us as witnesses thereto at his date and at his request and by him first in our presence the Sicutator having in a great degree read this paper at the same time declared that the same had been frequently read to him by John White for one of the laboring negroes

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and the preceding administration of all and singular the said goods chattels and Credits and also the settling allowing and final discharging the account they shall bring unto us the administration of all and singular the said Chattels and Credits of the said deceased and any way concerning his will is granted unto Margaret Livingston an Executrix of the said will named (the being first duly sworn without fault fully to administer the same and also to render a just and true account thereof when thereunto required) to wit Margaret Livingston whom we have caused the Seal of our Court of Probates to be hereunto affixed. Thomas Federal Judge of our said Court at the City of New York the first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four

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