

TNA PROB/11/62

Will of William Lambe

In the name of God amen The tenth day of March A thowsand five hundreth Seauenty nyne And in the xxijth yeare of the raigne of our soueraigne Lady Quene Elizabeth I William Lambe Esquier and Citezen and Clothworker of London being hole of body and of perfecte remembraunce laude and praise be vnto allmightie god calling to my remembrance the vnstabilitie of this wretched world and considering that theare is nothing more certen then death nor nothing more vncerten then the houre time and place most humbly beseching allmightie god of mercy and forgiuenes of my synnes Soe that through the merritts of Christs passion death and resurrection in whome I stedfastly beleue and trust after my departing out of this transitory lief to be accepted and taken as one of the children of Abraham and to be an inheritor of his heauenly kingdome And to thintent to sett in order such smale porcion of worldly goodes as I doe at this present possesse and shall leaue behind me make this my present testament and last will towching my goodes in this wise following That is to saie ffirst I giue and bequeath my soule vnto all mighty god and I will that my bodye shalbe buried in the parrish church of St ffaith vnder Paules church in London in a vawlte vnder a tombe which I lately erected and made there Item that my executors and Ouerseers hereafter named at their discrecions shall appoint a learned man to make a sermon at my buriall the which sermon my desire is shalbe at Pawle's crosse for that the foresaid church of St. ffaith is very litell And I giue to the said preacher for his paines taking a blacke gowne of xij s. iiij d. the yard. Item I giue and bequeath to my dere and right worshipfull frends Sir William Cordell knight and Master of the rowlles and Sir Rowland Hayward knight and alderman of London and to my Lady Cordell and to Lady hayward their wives to eache of them a blacke gowne the price of euery yard of cloath to be xx s. Item I giue to my cosen Christopher Lambe a blacke gowne the price of euery yard of cloath to be xx s. Item I giue to William Whitlock my sisters sonne a blacke gowne and forty shillings in money. Item I giue to goodwief Ellyott my late servant a blacke gowne and forty shillings in money. Item I giue to goodwief Rankyn widowe my late servant a blacke gowne. Item I giue to Alice the wief of Thomas Jones my late servant a blacke gowne. Item I giue to Alice the wief of Thomas Jones my late servant a blacke gown Item I giue nad bequeath to Thomas Blache my late servant a blacke coate and xx s. in money and to his wief a blacke gowne. Item I giue and bequeath to euery

my cosen ffrithes hand and putt it to the vse of the three children. Item I giue to Elizabeth Redinge tenne shillings. Item I giue to Steuen Nobell six shillings eight pence besids his charges. Item I giue to the wief of Steuen Nobell iij s. iiij d. Item I giue to the poore at St. Gyles Chalfont tenne shillings. Item I giue to iiijor men to beare me to the church iiij s. Item I giue to the ringers ij s. My debts that be now owing vnto me at this time. Item that Mt. Craford oweth me xv li. of good and lawfull money of England. Item that Mr. Gomersole oweth me v li. xij s. due to me before the marriage of his wief. Item that my cosen ffrith oweth me three pounds. Item that my brother oweth me x s. Item that one Robert Tashe gentleman oweth me viij s. Item that goodman Cowper hath of myne in his keping ij siluer spones Item I haue a mare and a sucking coult, those be all the goodes debts and Cattell that I haue saving my apparrell Item one russett fustian doblet one paire of Lether vencians iij shirts one frise Jerkyne one sword and sword girdell. Item one hose cloath to make a blacke cloath at Whortens at Chafferne. My debts that I doe owe. Item I owe to Mr Thomas Nedygate five shillings. Item I owe to Rith the sadler iiij s. Item I owe to Thomas Lorand the taylor as by his bill appeareth. Item I owe to Thomas Longe v s. Item I owe for my charges of Steuen Nobells and that is all that I doe owe.

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Man servant which shall fortune to be in my service at the tyme of my decease a blacke coate and forty shillings in money And likewise to euerie woman servant a blacke gowne and fortie shillings in money And more I giue to William Tilley my trustie servant six poundes xiiij s. iiij d. And also to my servant Jane Thomas wief to Robert ap Thomas xxvj s. viij d. by yeare during the space of seauen yeares next after my decease to be paid her by my Executors quarterly by euen porcions if she so long live. Item I giue to six of the porrest men and to six of the poorest women dwelling within the parishe of St Alphey within Creplegate of London at the discrecion of my Executors and Ouerseers to each of the same poore men and women a gowne of good frise ready made Item I giue and bequeath to six of the poorest men and six of the poorest women dwelling within the parrish of St. Oliff in siluer streate in London at the like discrecion of my executors and Overseers to euerie of the same poore men and women a gowne of good frise ready made whereof I will that two of the said gownes be giuen thone to goodwief Bonifant widowe thother to Joane her mayde dwelling in the said parrish of St. Oliff, Item I giue and bequeath to twelue of the poorest men and twelue of the porrest women inhabiting within the parrish of St Giles without Creplegate London where most nead shall appeare by the Like discrecion of my executors and Ouerseers to euerie of the same poore men adn women a gowne of good frise ready made. Item to twelue of the poorest men and to twelue of the poorest women dwelling within the parrish of St Sepulchre without Newgate of London to euerie of the same poore men and women a gowne of good frise ready made at the discrecion of my executors and Ouerseers. Item I giue to six of the poorest men and six of the poorest women inhabiting within the parrish of St faith aforesaid at the like discrecion of my executors and Ouerseers to euerie of the same poore men and women a gowne of good frise ready made. Item I giue to twelue of the porrest men and xij of the poorest women dwelling in the parrish of Sutton Valens in Kent where most nede shall appeare at the discrecion of my executors to euerie of them a gowne of good frise ready made which gownes I will shalbe deliuered to them within one moneth next after my decease. Item I giue and bequeath to the behoof of the prisoners remayning in the prisons of Newgate Ludgate the kings bench the marshalsey and the white lyon to euerie of the same prison houses six good matrisses to thintent that the most weake sicke and poorest prisoners within the same prisons may haue the vse easment and commoditie from time to time of the said matrisses till they be worne out. Item I will that my executors hereafter named shall giue and distribute to and amongst the poore prisoners remayning in the places called the holes in the two Compters thone in Wood Streate thother in the poultry in London to eache of the same two prisons tenne shillinges euerie moneth till the somme of five poundes shalbe fully distributed to and amongst the poorest of the said prisoners. Item I giue and bequeath to the marriages of forty poore maides that shalbe the day of their marriages in good name and fame twenty poundes. That is to saie to euerie of them to be paid the day of their seuerall marriages tenne shillings which I will shalbe giuen where most neade shall appeare by the good discretion of my executors and Ouerseers Item I will that all my servants that shalbe in my service at the time of my decease shall haue a convenient time to prouide them maisters and that my Executors shall at my chardge finde my said servants convenient meate drincke wassing and Lodging within my now dwelling house in London vntill such times that they haue gotten themselues services So that they prouide themselues within one half yeare next after my decease And so that they during all the time that they shall remaine without service doe repaire to the church and sermons and spend their time in other godly exercises. Item I giue all household stuff (plate excepted) vnto whatsoer it shall amount vnto William Warton Mary Warton and Ellen Warton sonne and daughters of Thomas Warton late of London gentleman decease, the same to be praised and valued to the vttermost value and imployed towards the benefitt of the same children towards their bringing vp And to be deliuered vnto them rate and rate like vnto the daughters when they shalbe marriageable and to the sonne when he shall accomplish

the full age of xxjth yeares And in case that any of them decease being nor marryed or of full age that then the survivors or survivor of them three coming to his or their full age or marriage shall haue the whole parts of them so deceassing amongst them him or her And more I giue and bequeath to either of them three poundes six shillings eight pence in currant money to be paid to the said William at the age aforesaid and to the

said Mary and Ellen at the dayes of their marriages as aforesaid and ether to be others heires towching the said legacy. Item I giue to Mary Lambe daughter of Richard Lambe deceased forty shillings to be paid her at the age of xxjty yeares or day of her marriage Whether shall first happen Item I giue and bequeath to William Lambe Margaret Lambe and Mabell Lambe sonne and daughters of Christopher Lambe six poundes that is to saie, to euery of them forty shillings to be paid to the said William at thage of xxjty yeares and to the said Margaret and Mabell at thage of xxjty yeares or dayes of their seuerall marriages whether shall first happen And I will that other shalbe others heires towching my said legacy And whereas my cosen John Lambe late of Ledes in the County of Kent gent was at the time of his decease indebted vnto me in the somm of thirty poundes as appeareth by a bill obligatory of his owne hand sealed with his seall bearing date the xxvijth day of June in the first yeare of the raigne of our late soueraigne Lord king Edward the vjth My will and mynd is that my executors shall putt the said bill Obligatory in sute for the recouery of the said thirtie poundes and the same somme of thirtie poundes being by order of Lawe or otherwise recouered by my executors shall remaine and be paid to the daughter of my cosen Robert Lambe sonne of the aforenamed John Lambe which Robert Lambe is also deceased and to be paid her at the age of xxjty yeares or day of her marriage whether shall first happen. Item I giue and bequeath to my cosen Abraham Lambe a blacke gowne and forty shillings in money. Item I giue to Mr. Thrower and Mr Edwarde Kinge servants to the master of the rowles to each of them a blacke gowne. Item I giue and bequeath to my Lady Hawes a blacke gowne of twentie shillings the yard. Item I giue to Mrs Wilford, Mrs. Smith Mrs Watts her daughters to each of them a blacke gowne And also to my cosen John Hawes wief a blacke gowne. Item I giue to my neighbor Mrs ffeild a blacke gowne Item to my cosen Cromptons wief a blacke gowne. Item I giue to Robert ap Thomas a blacke gowne. Item I giue and bequeath to my tenant Walter Gye of Warley in Essex a blacke gowne And to Walter Gye his sonne a blacke coate. Item to my cosen John Smith mercer a blacke gowne. Item my will and mynd is that if any person or personnes to whome I haue or hereafter shall giue any some of money or any kinde of legacye by this my last will and testament shall happen to decease before the time the said money or legacy is or shalbe limited by wherein to be paid to him her or them. Then I will that all such some and somes of money and legacies shalbe distributed to and amongst the poorest people dwelling within the Citye of London Where most neade shalbe by the discrecion of my executors and Ouerseers (excepte the same guifte and leagacye be by these presentes otherwise appointed And also I will that all the blacke gownes by me before bequeathed shalbe giuen to so many of the personnes before named as shalbe living at the time of my decease and the price of euery yard of cloath for the said gownes shalbe xij s. iij d. Item I giue and bequeath to the forenamed worshipfull and my dere and loving frends Sir William Cordell knight one of the rowles and Sir Rowland Haward knight and alderman of London to each of them a ring of gould of the value of three poundes a pece to be made with a toring seale with a lambe grauen on thone side and a deathes head on thother side. Item I giue to the worshipfull my good Ladyes their wives to each of them a like ring of gould with a toring seall grauen with a lambe on thone side and a deathes head on the other saide of the value of thirty shillings a pece. Item I giue to Mrs Warren Mrs Tounsend and to Mrs Thynne the three daughters of the said Sir Rowland Haward to euerie of them a ringe of gould of like facion and making of the value of twenty shillings a pece for a token of remembraunce And I will that all such legacies and sommes of money as is before by me bequeathed to any person or personnes that shall not be of lawfull age or of sufficiency by the lawe to giue to my executors a sufficient discharge shalbe by my executors within two monethes next after my decease deliuered to the master and wardens of the arte or mistery of Clothworkers in the London for the time being and they and their successors to haue the custodie thereof to thuse of the said children As I by this my last will haue giuen and appointed it vnto at such

time as they and euerie of them shall come to their full age of xxjty yeares or dayes of their marriages according as is before expressed And I will that the said master wardens and cominalty of Clothworkers of London shall giue vnto my executors a certificate vnder their comon seall what somme and sommes of money ther shall receiue and to whose vse to thintent that my said Legacyes may be duely and truely paid accordingly Item I giue and bequeath to the said master and wardens and company of Clothworkers of London for their paines taking in comming to my buriall six poundes thirtene shillinges foure pence to make them a

dynner with all which dynner to be made at Clathworkers Hall within one moneth next after my decease And of this my last Will and testament I make and ordeine the right worshipfull and my very good frends the foresaid Sir William Cordell knight Master of the rowles and the said Sir Rowland Hayward knight my Executors desiring most humbly their worshippes to see my body decently brought to the earth according to my vocacion And my funeralls to be donne in due order and my legaces to be duely performed as my speciall trust and confidence is in them And I giue and bequeath to my Executors for their paines taking in and about the execution of this my said last will and testament And to euerie of them one hundreth poundes of lawfull money of England And I make and ordeine my welbeloued frendes Mr Henry Tounsend gent Thomas Hall treasurer of Christs Hospitall Jasper Cholmeley gent and William Tilley my servant my Overseers to see this my last will and testment in euerie pointe to be performed as my trust is they wilbe to the vttermost of their powers and they to doe for me as they would other should doe for them And I giue and bequeath to euerie of my said Ouerseers for their paines taking a blacke gowne price thirtene shillings foure pence the yard And more to euer of them five poundes in money And the rest of all my goods Chattells Juells plate ready money and debts my owne debts being paid my funerall charges borne and my legacyes performed I wholly give and bequeath to the poore old Lame blynde and impotent personnes within the City of London and the subvrbes of the same by the good discrecion of my executors and Ouerseers before named and to be giuen and distributed within one yeare next after my decease And whereas I haue by will in writing bearing date the xjth day of October in the xvjth yeare of the raigne of our most gracious soueraigne Lady Quene Elizabeth demised limited and appointed the order of my messuages Landes tenements and hereditaments sett lying and being in the parrishes of St James in the Wall night Crepelgate of London St Steuens in Colmanstreate of London and St Olyves in Siluerstreate within the Citie of London My mynd intent and will is and by chese presents I the said William Lambe doe declare That my full will is that the said former will concerning the disposicion order and limitacion of the said Landes onely shalbe and reamine in full force and effect according to the true intent and meaning of the said will And I doe by these presents as much as in me lyeth to ratifie confirme and all owe the said former will towching the said Lands tenements and hereditaments onely Any thing conteyned in this my present testament to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding In witnes whereof I the said William Lambe to this my presente last will and testament at thend of euerie page or Leafe haue sette my hand and with a labell at the head haue putte my seall yeoven the daie and yeare aforesaid &c. William Lambe These bearing witnes By me Thomas Byard John Lacy By me Edward Dicher By me John Clarke

A Codicell to be annexed to my last will

And whereas I haue in my lasy will bearing daye the tenth day of March Anno Domini 1579 last past before the date hereof giuen unto the right worshipfull and my very dere frend Sir William Cordell knight and Master of the Rolles one hundreth poundes legacy and made him one of my Executors and also haue in my lief time deliuered vnto the said Sir William Cordell one other hundreth poundes currant money to thintent that the same hundreth poundes should be deliuered and lent vnto poore clothiers dwelling in Long Milford in the Countie of Suff And where also I haue deliuered at the request of my good and dere frend Sir Rowland Hayward knight and alderman of London one other hundreth poundes now in the hands of John Lacye clothworker payable in May next coming as by an Obligacion of his hand maie appeare the same to be employed in making of cloath in the towne of Brigenorth in the County of Salopp. Now my will and mynd is and I doe giue and bequeath vnto my said worshipfull frend Sir William Cordall knight the aforesaid hundreth poundes deliuered vnto him in my lief abouesaid in recompence full payment and discharge of his legacye given and bequeathed in my fore receited will so as he may be sure and to haue the same to his good liking And further now my full mynd and will is that not onely the said hundreth poundes vnto me due by the said John lacy but also one hundeth poundes of my money goodes or moueables which shall come to my Executors handes be employed lent and deliuered vnto honest poore clothyers for three or five yeares to haue it in occupying vizt one or two clothyers to haue the vse of the same three or five yeares dwelling in the towne of Bridgnorth

The said corporacion being bound vnto the worshipfull company master and wardens of the felowshipp of Clothworkers of London in with such condicion forme and manner as my said Executors and Ouerseers or the more parte of them shall thincke requisite and best for encrease of setting the poore our Worke in cloathmaking theare And also my mynd will and intent is and I doe bequeath the vse of the afore recited hundreth poundes to two or three or foure honest poore clothyers of long Mylford in Suff to haue the vse thereof giuing likewise good assurances vnto the said master and wardens of Clothworkers in such manner and forme as my executors and ouerseers or the more parte of them shall thincke reasonable and necessary for the dsure continuance of the same for ever the said clothiers not to paie for the same during the time they shall haue the same in their handes more then six shillings eight pence for the assurance making and to be paid to such person or personnes as my executors and ouerseers or the more parte of them shall thincke meete and convenient In witnes whereof I the said William Lambe haue herevnto sett my hand and seall the first daie of Aprill A thousand five hundreth Eighty and in the xxijth yeare of the raigne of our soueraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Quene of England ffrance and Ireland defendor of the faith. William Lambe. Exr.