

**Will of James Finch**

In the name of god Amen The xvth day of the moneth of ffebruary In the yere of our Lord god ml vc and viij And the xxiiij yere of the Reigne of kinge henry the vijth I Jamys ffynche Citezein & Sherman of London hole of mynde and in my good memory beyng thanked be almighty god Recommende my soule vnto god my Creatour maker Saviour to our blessed lady sainte mary the virgyn his most glorious mother and to all the holye company of hevyn My body to be buried in the Cloyster of the College or parissge churche of Saint Mighell in the Ryall called Whittingtons College of London fferthermore where as Elizabeth Boulman Abbes of the Monastery of Saint Clare of the order of sainte ffranuces called the Minores without Algate of London and the Couent of the same place by their indenture of Lettres without wille assent and consent haue diuised graunted and letyn to secure vnto the forsaid James ffynche their Cotages Londes and tenementes with their appurtenances set lyinge and beyng in the parisshe of sainte John vpon Walbroke of London betwene v tenementes belonginge to the said Abbes and Couent on the est parte. And the houses of Whittingdons College on the west parte And the place called called Skynners hall on the North parte. And the Lane called Paternoster Lane on the South parte. The whiche forsaid Cotages conteyne in length and brede as in the said Indenture of Lettres more playnly it doth appere. To haue and to holde all the said Cotages Landes and tenementes with their appurtenances to me the said Jamys to myn executours and assignes from the fest of saint mighell tharchangell next folowinge after the date of the same indenture vnto thende and terme of iiij<sup>xx</sup> xix yeres than next ensuyng and fully to be complete yeldinge therfore yerely duringe the said terme to the said Abbes and Couent and to their Successours iij li. vj s. viij d. at iiij termes of the yere in the Citie of London vsuell by evyn porcions with other clauses and condicions in the said indenture of Lettres conteyned like as in the same indenture beringe date in the Chapitrehous of the said Abbes and Couent the xxiiij<sup>ii</sup> day of September the xxiiijth yere of the Reigne of kinge henry the vijth more playnly it is conteyned. The which forsaid cotages Londes and tenementes with thappurtenances of late I haue caused to be repaired and bilded to thentent to haue A Commens of preestes duringe the said terme in the same like as there is nowe at this day Which Commens nowe is called the commens of Jhesus . Therfor I the said Jamys ffynche beyng nowe lawfully seased and possessed of and in the said Cotages Landes and tenements with theappurtenances make and ordeyne this my present testament as to the disposicions of the said Corages Landes and tenements in the maner and fourme folowyng that is to wit ffirst I the said James ffynche geve and bequeth all of the forsaid Cotages Landes and tenements with their appurtenances vnto the maister and wardeyns of the ffraternitie of thassumption of the blissed mary the virgyn of Shermen of the Citie of London and to their Successours. To haue and to holde all the said Cotages Londes and tenements with their appurtenances and all the state title and termes of yeres which I haue to come of and in the same vnto the forsaid maister and wardeyns and to their Successours Maister and wardeyns of the said ffraternitie from this entente and vndre this condicion folowyng that is to sey That the said Maister and wardeyns and their Successours shall vpholde and mayntene duringe the said terme of the said Commens And also shall geve applye and dispoase all the reuennues issues and profits commynge and growyng duringe the said terme of the said Cotages Londes and tenements with thappurtenances ouer and aboue the necessary reparacions of the same in vpon and vnto the commens aforsaid aslonge as the same Commens there shall endure of the which Reuennues issues and profites I will that the president for the tyme beyng shalhaue yerely duringe the said terme xij s. iiij d. And that the coke of the said college shalhaue yerely for his wages xxvj s. and profits I will shall goo and remayne to the commen boxe of the said Commens towarde the mayntenance of the

Instalments and other necessaries belonging to the said Commens And if it happen within the said terme that there fortune no comen of preests to be had kepte and holden within the said Cotages Londes and tenements. I will that then the issues Reuennues and profites of the premisses for that tyme that the said Commens shall not there be had shall remayne to the comen boxe of the said ffraternitie towards the mayntennance of their comen charges And I will and require the said Maister and brethern and their Successours for the greate love that I haue borne vnto theym and they vnto me and for the cheritie that I haue doon vnto the said ffelishship aswell in the gevinge vnto theym of xxxvj mesuages and a wharfe with thappurtenances as in my testament therof made more playnly appereth as for other cheritable dedes that I haue doon to the said ffelishship that they will doo that in theym and their Successours is that the said Commens duringe the said terme may be contynued vpholden and mayntened And of this my present testament as touching the premisses I make and ordeyne Maister dowce doctour of holy diuinitie maister of Whittingdons College in the Riall of London and Maister Richard Whitforde Clerk myn executors beyng present at the makinge