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The will of John Field

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In the name of God Amen This is the Laste wyll of me John ffelde Citiezen and Sherman of London made ordeyned & declared the fift day of Novembre the yere of our Lord god mvCxxvij and in the xixth yere of the Reign of our soueraigne Lord kyng Henry the viiiijth As to thoonly dysposicion of All and Singuler my lands and tenementes with Orchardes garden and parsell of marsshe cont oon Acre and an halffe with halffe an orchard lyeing in Cowmarsh set lyeing and beyng in the Townes ffeldes and parisshes of Greenwiche and Charlton in the Countie of Kent in the wiche Robert Robynson Olyuer Claymond John Tayllour and other persons and theyer heyres stond and ben seased to my vse and myn heyres of and for the perfourmance and Accomplissement of this my Last wyll for euer As more playnly it may Appere by three [Sepull dedds captite] ended baryng date the fyrst day of Juyn the xiith yere of the reign of our said Soueraigne by me therof made to the wiche be had relacion in the manner and fourme ensewyng that ys to wyt ffyrst I wyll that my said ffeoff and their heires for euer of the yerly yssues Reuennues and profightts comynge and growyng of the said londs & tenementes and other the premisses shall well and trewly content and pay or dote be contented and paid to the persons here after namyd and to the vse & ententes ensewyng the some of iij li. xiiij s. iiij d. of good and lafull money of yngland that ys to say ffyrst to the Churche Wardeyns of the parisse Churche of Saint Bartholomew the Lytell in the warde of Brodstrete of London, wherin by the grace of god I entend whan yt shall please hym of his infinite mercy to calme owte of this present lyfe to be buried as more farther thervpon. I haue ordeyned and declared in my testament concernyng the dysposcion of my movabubull goods in that be haulffe x s. sterlyng for an obit or yerly Anyuersary for euermore there in the same Churche to be kept solely by note at suche tyme of the yere as yt shall happen me to dysceas that ys to say placebo and dirige ouer nyght and masse of Requiem suche morow next ensewyng wiche x s. I wyll shalbe disposed for the keypyng and mayntenance of the same yerly obbyt for euermore in this wyse followyng. ffyrst to the persone of the same churche of Saint Bartholomew for the tyme beyng and there present at the same dirige and masse of Requiem xij d. to his Deputie yf he be there present vj d. to euery other priste singyng and sarvyng in the said chirche than beyng present iiij d to the parisse clerk of the same beyng there present vj d. And for Ryngyng of certayn peales with the bells the tyme of thexequies viij d. for two tapers of wax & to ij pore parissioners for holdyng of theym xvj d. to either of the Churche wardeyns of the same church for the tyme beyng for his labour and good attendaunce to be had in & abowte the said yerly anyuersary viij d. and all the rest of the same x s. I wyll shalbe distributed in Almes to the poor parissioners by the ouersight of oon of the wardeyns of the Crafte of Sherman of the Citie of London for the tyme beyng that ys to say to euiche of the same poor parissioners j d.

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As fferre as the same rest will therunto extend and strecche And I wyll that the master and wardeyns of the mystery or craft of Sherman of the same Citie, with a conuenient nombre of the Clothynge or Iuerey After the Manner and Custume by theym vsed in that behaulffe shall there come yerly vnto the same obit and to pray for my Soule my wyffes soule our fathers and moders Soules our frendes Soules and all Christen Souls as they been wonte to doe for other brethern and Susterne of the seme Crafte of whom I am a poure membre.

Also I wyll that my said ffeoffes and their heyres shall yerly pay order to be paid vnto fryer Nycholas my sone nowe beyng a fryer and oon of the couent of the fryer Augustines in London yf he so Long lyue and conteneu in the same place or ells vnto the prior of the same place After the disceas of my said sonne xxx s. sterlynge at iiij termys of the yere that is to say at the festes of thannuciation of our blessed saint mary the virgin the natiuitie of Seynt John Baptist Saint Michell tharchangle and the byrthe of our lord god that ys to wyt at euiche of the same festes vij s. vj d. by evyn porcions to this entent and vse followyng that my said sonne freer Nycholas or he beyng dysseased or syke and after the disceas or dethe an other brother of the same covent for euermore shall say euery week on wedynsday and fryday A masse of the most blyssed fyve wounds for my Soule my wyffs Soule and all Christen soules at the Aulter of our Blessed Lady Saint Mary the virgin in their conuentuall church And that the same fryer wiche shall soo say the same masse shall turne vnto the southe corner of the same Aulter at the fyrst Lauatory toward the people sayeing with an avdable voyce in this wise followyng that is to say of your Charitie ye shall specially pray for the soule of John ffelde late Sherman of this Citie his wyfes theyer fathers and mothers And Children soules theyr benefactours solls and all Christen souls Sayeing the psalme of depfunds with the Suffrages and collects Accustomed And I wyll that the same shalbe there so said the said twoo dayes wekely Wednesday and fryday for euer as the prior and covent of the same place and their Successours for the tyme beyng wolle therefore Answer afore Almyghti god. And furthermore I wyll that my said ffeoffes and their heyres or assynges shall yerly pay or do to be paid vnto Elyn now my wyffe or to hir assignes for terme of hir lyffe xx s. sterlynge And also vnto Alice my dowghter yerly xiiij s. iiij d. Residew of the same iij li. xiiij s. at iiij termys of the yere quarterly in the Citie of London by evyn porcions. And I wyll that when and as often it shall the said xx s. yerly. Duryng the lyfe of my said wyffe or the said yerly xiiij s. iiij d. duryng the lyfe of the said Alice my dowghter to be behynd vn paid in parte or in all quarterly contrary to the fourme a forsaid that then and so often yt shalbelefull to either of the said Elyn my wyffe and Alice my dowghter and to their assynges into all the forsaid londs and tenementes and All other the premisses and their appurtenances and euery parte of parsell there of to entre

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and distreyne and the distresses there so take Lieffully to beare lede dryve and cary away and them to Retayne and kepe tyll either of theym of their said Annuitie and arrearages of the same yff Any be to theym well and trewly contented and paid.

And also I wyll that my ffeoffees their heires and assyngnes and all and euery other persone and persons their heires and assyngnes wiche shall happen herafter to be seased of and in the said Londes & tenementes and other the premisses wich in the space of oon moneth next after my disceas at the request instaunte and appoyntment of the said master and wardeyns of the said Crafte or mystery of Sherman and their Successours master and wardeyns of the said Crafte of Sherman shalbe assigned and appoynted and also let the said londes & tenementes and other the premisses to ferme frome tyme to tyme and frome yere vnto such persone or persones as by the said master and Wardeyns of Shermen & their Successours masters & wardeyns of the said Crafte of Shermen shalbe assigned and appoynted. And also shall resue vnto theym theym their heyres and assyngnes all and euiche suche yerly rent and rentes as by the said master & wardeyns and their Successours masters & wardeyns for the tyme beyng shalbe appoynted.

And that my said ffeoffes their heires and assignes shall promyse & suffre the said master & wardeyns and their successours master and wardeyns peasibly and quietly to haue perceyue and take all & singuler the rentes fermes reuenues yssues and proffitts comyng and growyng of the said londes tenementes and other the premisses for and toward the performauce of this my last wyll And that my said feoffes their heires and assyngnees shall avowche ayde and mayntene the said master and wardeyns and their successours master and wardeyns for the tyme beyng aswell in takyng of the distresses of in or vpon the same londes tenementes and other the premisses for the said yerly Rent and for all and singuler other causes what so euer they be as for all & Almanner Accions to be conceyned and pursued ayenst any person or persones of or for the said londs tenementes and other the premisses at the costs charges and expences of the said master and wardeyns and their Successours master and wardeyns for the tyme beyng.

Also I wyll that aswell alle my said ffeoffes that now be as those wiche hereafter shalbe ffeoffes thereof to thuse and entent of this my last wyll to be fulfilled and perfomed after the manner and fourme above declared foreuer more shall quietly and peasibly for euer more permyt and suffre the said master and wardeyns of Shermen holly to holde & retayne the rest & residew of the same yerly rents reuenues yssues and proffytts of the same londes and tenementes and other the [] ouer and above the said somes of money by me before bequethed to the only vse of the cominaltie of the same crafte for euer towards theyer Labours and for recompense of the same for the yerly comynge to my said obyt after the manner & fourme abouesaid

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Londs and tenements and other the premissees with their appurtenances shall remayne withe common haulle of the same Crafte of Shermen accordyng to thuse and entent abovesaid for the true perfourmyng and fulfillynge of this my Last wyll accordyng to the tenor and true entent abovesaid & here After specified wardeyns and their Successours master & wardeyns of the said Crafte of Shermen by what name or addicion or name the said master & wardeyns heires shall after the deceases of my said now wyff & doughtir to make sale of all the said landes & tenementes to suiche persone or persones as yt shall lyke the said master wardeyns and their Successours master & wardeyns of the said Crafte of Shermen for the tyme beyng to their most proufit and advauntage and the money comynge from the said sale to retayne and kepe to thuse of the cominaltie of the said Crafte foreuer So that byfore the same Sale of possession & seisyng therof to be gevyn and made vnto the said persone or persones & their heires the master and wardeyns of the same mistery shalbe lauffully bound by their Comon Seall of the said mystery aswell vnto the parson and Churchwardens of the said parisshe Church of saint Bartholomew aforsaid and to their successours parson and Chirche wardens of the same for euer for the yerly payeing of the said some of x s. sterlinge for the keypyng of the said yerly obit and for their comynge yerly to either to the said obit as they be accustomed to doo for lyke obytts of other brethern & sistern us vnto the prior or couent of the said ffrere Augustynes for the yerly payment of the said xxx s. sterlyng for the contenyng wekely of the said twoo masses as ys aboue said by suche lauffull and seuerall wrytnges ended at the costs and charges of the said master and wardeyns of the said Crafte for the tyme beyng as by indifferent lernyd Counsell by the said parson and church wardens of the said parisshe Chirche and the prior of the ffryer Augustynes aforsaid for the tyme beyng to be namyd vnder suche couennants and with suche and as many clauses and penalties as by the said lernyd Counsell be orderyd and devysed of and for the said yearly paymentes of x s. and xxx s. sterlyng to thuses and ententes aboue specified for euer.

Also I wyll and ordayne by this my last wyll and that whan as often as yt shall fortune the said yerly x s. for my said Obit or Anyuersary in four men abouesaid to be kept or the said yerly xxx s. vnto my said sonne Nycholas and after his departyng vnto the said prior & his successours pryors of the said place for the tymne beyng to be behynde vn paid in parte or in all contrary to the fourme abouesaid that then and so often is shalbe liefull aswell vnto the church wardens of the said parisshe church of Saint Bartholomew and to theyer successours churchwardens of the same for the tyme beyng or to their assignes unto the prior of the same Augustyne ffryars and to their Successours proprs of the same place for the tyme beyng as ys above said dewryng the tyme

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that the said Londes shall conteneue in feoffment as ys aforesaid to thuse aboue said into all and euery the abouesaid Londs and tenementes and other the premisses to entir and dystreine and the dystresses there so taken liefullly to bere lede dryve and carry awaye and theym to Retayne and kepe tille they of the same seuerall sommes of money and euery parsell therof and tharrearages therof togeder with with all manner costs and expensis in that behalffe to be had and susteyned to theym well and trewly after the Rate abouesaid shalbe content satisfified and paid. In wytnes wherof to this my present Testament and Last wyll I haue put my Seall yeven the day and yere above expressed.

Red openly published declared & ensealed in the presens of Edward Kyngiston draper Reignold Ravynsby ffuller Richard Dowling fownder and John Deureux notary wytnesses to the premisses called and specially requyred