

TNA PROB 11/97 and TNA PROB 11/98

Will of Peter Blundell

In the name of God Amen The Ninth day of June and the yeare of our Lord 1599 and in the one and fortieth yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne Lady Elizabeth by the grace of god Queene of England, ffrance and Ireland, defender of the fayth or I Peeter Blundell of Tyverton in the Cownty of Devonshire being whole of body and of good and perfect minde and memorye thanks be to allmighty god remembring and weying th' vncertainty and instability of this mortall and transitory life, and that every man borne into this world, as he is subiect vnto death, so is he vncertayne of the time, place and manner where or by what meanes the same shall happen vnto him, and minding therfore to the pleasure of god and quiet of minde to set such order and stay for the disposition of such landes, Tenements, possessions, goods, Chattles, wares, plate, Jewells, ready money and debtes whatsoever as it hath pleased Allmighty god, of his goodnes to give vnto me in this world, as the same may be quietly inioyed to those to whome I shall devise the same, doe therfore make, ordayne, and declare this my last will and testamente in manner and fourme followinge, ffirst and before all other things I commende and committ my soule to allmighty god my creator trustinge most assuredly to be saved by th' only death passion and merritts of Jesus Christ, beseeching the most blessed holy and most glorious Trinity the ffather, the sonne and the holy ghoste three persons, and one god to have mercy vpon me, and to pardone and forgive me all my sinnes, and that after this transitory life I may arise with the electe, and be partaker of gods glory in the kingdome of god and life everlastinge, and I will that my body be decently buried in the parish church of St. Michaell in pater noster in London if I shall there happen to leave my life, or elsewhere it shall please god to provide for me at the good discretion of my exequitors and overseers hereafter named, and also I will that all such debtes as I shall owe to any person or persons, whether it bee by deede or without deede so that the same be iustly proved at the time of my decease shalbe by my said Exequitors well and truly payd in discharde of my soule and conscience, And as touching the order and disposition of all and singuler my goods Chattells, wares, plate, Jewells, ready money and debtes, wherwith it hath pleased, allmighty god of his infinite goodnes and mercy to endowe me. Item I giue and bequeath vnto one hundred poore men to every of them a gowne of fourty shillinges a peece, and to every of them twelue pence in money. I say twelue pence a peece in money, of the which said hundreth poore menne my will, minde, and full intente is that the thirteene poore Almes men of the foresaid parish of St. Michaell pater noster of the said

number, Item I give to Anne Whitmore widdowe of London dwelling in Lumberte streete a thowsand powndes. Item I give to William Whitmore her sonne, five hundred powndes. Item I give to George Whitmore five hundredth powndes, Item I give to Thomas Whitmore five hundreth pownde. Item I give to Elizabeth Craven one hundreth powndes. Item I give to Anne Barber one hundreth powndes. Item I give to Margarett Whitmore one hundreth pownde. Item I give to Mary Whitmore one hundreth powndes. Item I give to ffrancis Whitmore two hundreth powndes. Item I give to Jane Whitmore one hundreth pownde. These nine persons that I haue given the xxij hundred powndes vnto be the children of the forenamed Anne Whitmore of London widdowe dwelling in Lumbert streete in London to whome I gave the legacye vnto before named of a thowsand powndes vnto in London. Item I give Henry Polsteede of London one hundreth powndes, I give William Okes fifty powndes. I give Robert five poundes, These three be servantes to Anne Whitmore of London widdowe in Lumbert streete. I give to the three woomen servants dwelling with the forenamed Anne Whitmore of London to every of them three mayde servants fourty shillings, summe sixe powndes to them three. I give Katherine Barnes fourty shillings shee was servant once with the forenamed Anne Whitmore of London. I give to the wife of George Slee of Tyverton whose name is Joane Slee to her I give one thowsand powndes. I give to the wiffe of Richard Spurwey alias Hill of Tyverton whose name is Wilmote Spurwey alias Hill to her I give four hundred powndes. I give Elizabeth Prowse wife vnto Richard Prowse of Tyverton sixe hundred powndes them three be sisters and dawghters to John Chilcotte alias Comyn of Tyverton. I give Robert Chilcotte alias Comyn the sonne of John Chilcotte alias Comyn, the said Robert Chilcotte alias Comyn is my servante to him I give two thowsand powndes. I give to Edith weste the wiffe of John weste the younger of Tyverton to the said Edith weste I give seaven hundreth powndes. I say seaven hundreth powndes. I give to the sonne of John weste of Tyverton a hundreth powndes whose name is Peeter Weste that the hundreth powndes is given vnto. I give Mary Payne two hundreth powndes the said Mary Payne of Tyverton is sister to Eddith west of Tyverton. I give John west of Tyverton the elder John west to whom I give one hundreth powndes vnto. I give to the governours of the possessions of Christs Hospitall within Newgate in London fyve hundreth powndes to this intente and purpose that they doe bestowe the foresaid five hundreth pownds in lande or howsing to the and for the vse of the children and mayntenance of that hospitall I give to the Governours of the possessions of St. Bartholomews hospitall in London two hundreth and fifty powndes to this intent and purpose that they doe bestowe the foresaid two hundreth and fifty powndes in lande or howsing to and for the vse of the poore in that hospitall and maintenance of that hospitall. I give to the governour's of the possessions of St. Thomas Hospitall in Southwarke two hundreth and fifty pownds in lande or howsing to, and for the vse of the pore in that hospitall, and maintenance of that hospitall and the poore there. I give to the children of Will Chicotte alias Comin that be not married one hundreth pownds equally to be devided amongst them. I give fifty powndes towards the reparacion of the body of the Church of Tiverton for leade to cover the same when it hath neede to be newe done. I give fifty powndes to mende the wayes from Tiverton to Selferton where it hath most neede to be mended by the good discretion of my exequitors. I give to William Crasse of Tiverton five poundes. I give to Anthony Crasse of Tiverton five powndes, he is the sonne of William Crasse before named, I give to John Choram of Tiverton five powndes, he made kearseyes for mee as William and Anthony Crasse did make kearseyes for me. Also I give to Margaret Stodden

Stodden widowe five powndes. Item I give to William Wood, Carrier fifty powndes he is sonne to Humphrey Wood late of Cullinurbton Carrier, and carried my packes of kerseyes for me to London. I give Robert Chicott alias Comyn my servaunte one thowsand pownds. I give to the children of Thomas Wyborne deceased a hundreth powndes equally to be devided amongst them. He dwelleth in a village called Alcombe in Somersett shire betwixt dunster and Mynherde. I forgive William Chapman of London, Grocer, one of the wayters for custome of cloth vnder John Robinson searcher for the same. I forgive him all such debte or debtes and money the said William Chapman is indebted vnto me or oweth vnto me. I give to John Bateman of London, parson of St. Michaelle pater noster by or of Whittington Colledge tenne powndes. Item I give to Robert Rawlinson of the same parish in London tenne powndes. I give Richard Barret of London mercer, two hundreth powndes. I give to Martin Bonde of London haberdasher a hundreth powndes. I give William Bonde the elder brother to Martin Bonde of London haberdasher a hundreth powndes. I give to Robert Barnes of Lyme, in dorsett sheare twenty powndes. I give to Richard Perry of Exeter tenne powndes. I give to Richard Dorchester of Exeter fourty pownds. I give to Richard Prowse of Exeter the elder, and mine old acquaintance to him I give fifty powndes. I give to Nicholas Martin of Exeter the elder twenty powndes I give to William Martin the elder of Exeter tenne powndes. I give to John Levermore of Exeter twenty powndes. I give to Robert Bladwell of London grocer fifty powndes. I give to Walter Oade of London haberdasher of London twenty powndes. I give to John Austin of London haberdasher fifty powndes I give to Humphrey Colman of Tyverton one hundreth powndes. I give to John Deman fifty powndes. He is a Constable of Tyverton I give to William Parke of London he is with William Craven of London, two hundreth powndes. I give unto the children of Nicholas Clarkson to be equally devided amongst them two hundreth powndes. The said Clarkson is dead and deceased and was of London a draper by St. Awstins church he dwelled in that parish by Pawles church. I give to Mary Parker of London a hundreth powndes shee is the dawghter of one Thomas Parker of London deceased, he was a broker and was free of the grocers of London. I was a wisse to the baptising of the said mayden which dwelleth with a draper in Canwicke streete in London now, and I named her name to be mary at the christening of her. I give to Laurence Davy of Kyrton, clothier a hundreth powndes. I give to John Dixson of London fifty powndes, he is a scrivener dwelling by ffilet bridge in London. I give to Richard Webber of Tiverton Tucker five pownde. He is my Tennant and one of my Tuckers. I give to George Cornish of Tyverton Tucker five pownds. I give to Anius Still of Tyverton widowe, five pownds. Item I give to her sonne [] Still a minister in the church of Tyverton five pownde. I give George Webber twenty pownds, he is servaunte with Richard Spurwey, alias Hill of Tiverton, I give to my man George Wescott twenty pownds. I give fifty powndes to the mending of bad wayes about the towne of Tiverton by the good discretion of my Exequitors and overseers I meane high wayes that people come to the market of Tiverton or from it with waynes plowghes and carriage of horses or other wayes. I give Mary ffoxe of London late wiffe of Thomas Pope of London fifty powndes. I saye fifty pownde I give Richard Barratt of London mercer and merchant eight hundred powndes. I give vnto the warden and Commynalty of the mystery of mercers of the citty of London one hundreth and fifty powndes vpon condicion and to the intente that they with parcell therof foorthwith after my death doe purchase lands howses or other such hereditaments or rents out of or of which fourty shillinges every yeare shalbe payd by the wardens of the same mystery for the time being for ever to the poore people in Bedlem in London

to be payd quarterly by even portions for ever to the poore people in Bedlem in London to be payd quarterly by even portions and the residewe to be by the same wardens and Commynalty so imployed and bestowed as the Wardens of the same mistery for the time being for every shall have and take the benefitt therof for their labour and paynes in and about the establishing and yearly paying of the foresaid fourty shillings yearly forever as aforesaid. and otherwise this my gift as vnto the same wardens and Commynaltye to be voyde and the same hundred and fifty pownds then I give to my Exsequitors for the providing, appointing and sure establishing of the same yearly paymente for ever as aforesaid by such good and sufficient wayes and meanes as to them or the most parte of them or the survivors of them shalbe thought meete. I give to the wardens of the Commynalty of the mistery of Grocers of London one hundred and fifty powndes vpon condition and to the like intente that they with parcell therof foorthwith after my death doe purchase landes howses or other sure hereditamentes or rents out of or of which fourty shillinges every yeare shalbe also payd by the wardens of the same mistery for the time being for ever to the poore people in Bedlem aforesaid to be payd quarterly by even portions and the residewe to be by them the same wardens of the Commynalty of the mistery of Grocers so imployde and bestowde as the wardens of the same mistery for the time being for ever shall have and take the benefitt therof for their labour and paynes in and about the establishing and yearly paying of the said fourty shillinges yearly for ever as aforesaid and otherwise this my gift as vnto the same wardens of the commynalty of the mistery of Grocers to be voyd and the same hundred and fifty pownds then I give to my Exsequitors for the providing, appointing and sure establishing of the same yearly payment of fourty shillings for ever as aforesaid by such good and sufficient wayes and meanes as to them or to the most part of them or the survivors of them shalbe thought meete. I give vnto the maisters wardens brethern and sisters of the mistery of drapers of London one hundreth and fifty powndes vpon condicion and to the like intente that they with parcell therof forthwith after my death doe purchase landes howses or other sure hereditaments or rents out of or of which fourty shillings every yeare shalbe payd by the maisters and wardens of the same mistery for the tyme being for ever to the poore prisoners in the Cownter in the Powltry in London to be payd quarterly by even portions, and the residewe to be by the same maisters wardens brethren and sisters so imployed and bestowde as the maisters and wardens of the same mistery for the time being from time to tyme for ever shall have and take the benefitt therof for their labour and paynes in and about the establishing and yearly paying of the said fourty shillinges yearly for ever as aforesaid, and otherwise this my gift as vnto the same maisters wardens, brethren and sisters to be voyde, and the same hundreth and fifty pownde then I give to my Exsequitors for the providing appointing and sure establishing of the same yearly paymente of fourty shillings for ever as aforesaid by such good and sufficient wayes and meanes as to them or the most parte of them or the surviviors of them shalbe thought meete, I give to the warden and Commynaltye of the ffishmongers of the city of London one hundreth and fifty pownds vpon condicion and to the like intente that they with parcell therof forthwith after my death doe purchase landes, howses or other sure hereditaments or rents out of or of which forty shillinges every yeare shalbe likewise payd by the same warden for the tyme being for ever to the poore prisoners in the said Cownter in the Powltry in London to be payd quarterly by even portions and the residewe to be by the same warden and Commynalty so imployed and bestowed as the same warden for the time being from tyme to tyme for ever shall have and take the benefitt thereof for his labour and paynes in and abowte the establishing and yearly paying of the said fourty shillings yearly for ever as aforesaid or otherwise

and otherwise this my gift as vnto the same warden and Comynalty to be voide and the same hundreth and fifty pownds then I give to my Exsequitors for the providing, appointing and sure establishing of the same yearly payment for ever as aforesaid by such good and sufficient wayes and meanes as to them or to the most parte of them or the survivors of them shalbe thought meete. I give vnto the wardens and Commynalty of the mistery of Goldsmithes within the City of London one hundreth and fifty pownds vpon condition and to the like purpose and intente that they with parcell therof foorthwith after my death doe purchase lands howses or other sure hereditaments or rents out of or of which forty shillings every yeare shalbe payd by the wardens of the same mistery for the time being for ever to the poore prisoners in the Cownter in Wood streete in London to be payd quarterly by even portions, and the residue to be by them same wardens mistery & Commynalty so employed and bestowed as the wardens of the same mistery for the time being from time to time for ever shall have and take the benefitt therof for their labour and paynes in and about the establishing and yearly paying of the said forty shillings yearly forever as aforesaid, and otherwise this my gift as vnto the same wardens and Commynalty to be voyde and the same hundred and fifty pownds then I give to my Exsequitors for the providing appointing and sure establishing of the same yearly paymente for ever as aforesaid by such good and sufficient wayes and meanes as to them or the most parte of them or the Survivors of them shalbe thought meete. I give vnto the Master Wardens and Commynalty of the mistery of Skinners of London one hundreth and fifty pownds vpon condicion and to the like intente also that they with parcell therof foorthwith after my death do purchase lands howses or other sure hereditaments or rents out of or of which fourty shillinges every yeare shalbe also payd by the master and the wardens of the same mistery for the tyme being for ever to the poore prisoners in the said Cownter in woodstreete in London to be payd quarterly by even portions and the residewe to be by the said master and wardens and Commynalty so employed and bestowed as the master and wardens of the same misterye for the tyme being for ever shall have and take the benefitt therof for their labour and paynes in and about the establishing and yearly paying of the said fourty shillings yearly for ever as aforesaid and otherwise this my gift as vnto the same Master wardens & Commynalty to be voyde and the same hundred and fifty pownds, then I give to my Exsequitors for the providing appointing and sure establishing of the same yearly paymente for ever as aforesaid by such good and sufficient wayes and meanes as to them or the most parte of them or the survivors of them shalbe thought meete. I give unto the master and wardens of the fraternity of St John Baptiste commonly called mercantailors within the city of London one hundred and fifty powndes vpon condition and to the like purpose and intente that they with parcell therof foorthwith after my death doe purchase lands or howses or other sure hereditaments or rents, out of or of which forty shillings every yeare shall be payd by the master and wardens of the same ffraternity for the tyme being for ever to the poore prisoners in Newgate in London to be payd quarterly by even portions and therefore due to be by the same Master and wardens of the same ffraternity so employed and bestowed as the master and wardens of the same mistery for the tyme being from tyme to tyme for ever shall have and take the benefitt therof for their labour and paynes in and about the establishing and yearly paying of the same said fourty shillings yearly forever as aforesaid and otherwise this my gift as vnto the same master and wardens of the ffraternity aforesaid to be voyde and the same hundreth and fifty powndes then I give to my Exsequitors for the providing, appointing and sure establishing of the same yearly payment for ever as aforesaid by such good and sufficient wayes and meanes as to them or the most parte of them or the survivors of them shalbe thought meete. Item I give vnto the master and wardens of the ffraternity of the mistery of haberdashers of the city of London one hundreth and fifty pownds, vpon condition and to the like intente that they with parcell thereof foorthwith after

my death doe purchase lands, howses, or other sure hereditaments or rents out of or of which forty shillings every yeare shalbe payd by the Master and wardens of the same mistery for the tyme being for ever to the poore prisoners in Newgate aforesaid to be payd quarterly by even portions and the residewe to be by the same Master and Wardens so imployed and bestowed as the same Master and Wardens of the same mistery for the tyme being from tyme to tyme for ever shall have and take the benefitt therof for their labour and paynes in and about the establishing and yearly payment or paying of the said fourty shillings yearly for ever as aforesaid and otherwise this my gift as vnto the said Master and Wardens to be voyde, and the same hundred and fifty pownds then I give to my Executors for the providing appoynting and sure establishing of the same yearly payment for ever as aforesaid by such good and sufficient wayes and meanes as to them or the most parte of them or survivors of them shalbe thought meete. Item I give vnto the wardens and Commynalty of the mistery of Salters in the citty of London one hundred and fifty pownds, vpon condition to the like purpose and intente that they with parcell therof forthwith after my death doe purchase lande, howses or other sure hereditaments or rents out of or of which fourty shillings euery yeare shalbe payd by the wardens of the same mistery for the time being for ever to the poore prisoners in Ludgate in London to be payd quarterly by even portions, and the reste to be by the same wardens and Commynalty so imployed and bestowed as the wardens of the same mistery for the tyme being from tyme to tyme for ever shall have and take the benefitt therof for theyr labour and paynes in and abowte the establishing and yearly paying of the said fourty shillings yearly for ever as aforesaid, and otherwise this my gift as vnto the same wardens and Commynalty to be voyde and the same hundreth and fifty pownds then I give to my Exequitors for the providing appointing and sure establishing of the same yearly paymente forever as aforesaid by such good and sufficient wayes and meanes as to them or the most parte of them or the survivors of them shalbe thought meete. Item I give vnto the master wardens and Commynalty of the mistery of Ironmongers of London one hundreth and fifty pownds vpon condition and to the like intente that they with parcell therof foorthwith after my death doe purchase landes howses or other sure hereditamentes or rents out of or of which fourty shillings every yeare shalbe payd by the master and wardens of the same mistery for the tyme being for ever to the poore prisoners in Ludgate aforesaid to be payd quarterly by even portions and the residewe to be by the same master wardens and commynalty so imployed and bestowed as the master and wardens of the mistery for the tyme being from tyme to tyme for ever shall have and take the benefit therof for theyr labour and paynes in and abowte the establishing and yearly paying of the said fourty shillings yearly for ever as aforesaid and otherwise this my gift as vnto the same Master wardens and commynalty to be voyde and the same hundred and fifty pownds then I give to my Exequitors for the providing appoynting and sure establishing of the same yearly payment for ever as aforesaid by such good and sufficient wayes and meanes as to them or the most parte of them or the survivors of them shalbe thought meete. Item I give vnto the master wardens and commynalty of the mistery of Vintners of the city of London one hundreth and fifty pounds vpon condition and to the like intente that they with parcell therof foorthwith after my death doe purchase lands howses, or other sure hereditaments or rents out of or of which forty shillings every yeare shalbe payd by the master wardens of the same mistery for the tyme being for ever to the poor in Brydewell in London to be payd quarterly by even portions, and the residewe to be by the said master and wardens and Commynalty so imployed and bestowed as the master and wardens of the same mistery for the tyme being from tyme to tyme for ever shall have and take the benefitt therof for theyr labour and paynes in and about the establishing and yearly paying of the said fourty shillings yearly for ever as aforesaid and otherwise this my gift as vnto the same master wardens and Commynalty to be voyde, and the hundreth and fifty pownds then I give to my Exequitors for the providing appointing and sure establishing of the same yearly

payment forever as aforesaid by such good and sufficient wayes and meanes as to them, or the moste parte of them, or the survivors of them shalbe thought meete. Item I give vnto the wardens

Wardens and Commynalty of the ffreemen of the mistery of Clothworkers of the citty of London one hundreth and fifty pownds vpon condition and to the like purpose and intente that they with parcell therof forthwith after my death doe purchase lands howses or other sure hereditaments or rents out of or of which fourty shillings every yeare shalbe payd by the same wardens of the same mistery for the tyme being for ever to the poore people in Brydewell aforesaid to be payd quarterly by by even portions and the residue to be by the same wardens and Commynalty so imployed and bestowed as the wardens of the same mistery for the tyme being from tyme to tyme for ever shall have and take the benefitt therof for their labour and paynes in and abowt th'establishing and yearly paying of the said forty shillings yearly for ever as aforesaid and otherwise this my gift as vnto the same wardens and Comynalty to be voyde and the same hundred and fifty powndes then I give to my exequitors for the providing appointing and sure establishing of the same yearly payment for the providing appointing and sure estbalishing of the same yearly payment for ever as aforesaid by such good and sufficient wayes and meanes as to them or to the most parte of them or the surviviors of them shalbe thought meete and my will and hartly desire is that my good intente and purposes in this my last will and testamente expressed shalbe executed established setled and sure according to my meaning therin expressed as neare the same as may bee, by the advise of my Exequitors and overseers named in this my laste will and testament and of the surviviors of them, wherin I doe also most humbly desire and pray the direction of my deare frind Sir John Popham knyght Lord chiefe Justice of England, whom it hath already pleased to promise me his lawfull helpe and furtherance for the letter exequition of this my last will Item I give vnto the same Lord chiefe Justice in token of my dutifull love and good will to his Lords shippe one hundreth powndes. Item I give to James Clarke esquier who is one of my overseers fifty pownds. Item I give foure hundreth powndes to the marriadges of twenty poore maydes in Tyverton in the towne of Tyverton borne there and to them that theyr ffathers have dwelled ten yeares in Tyverton towne to the discretions of my Exequitors equally to be devidid amoungst them Item I give to the Mayor Bayliffs and Commynalty of the citty of Exon the summe of nine hundreth powndes of lawfull money of England to be delivered by my Exequitors presently after my death to be and continewe to the same Mayor Bayliffs and Commynalty and to theyr successors for ever to the severall vses purposes and imploymentes following that is to saye five hundred powndes therof the said Mayor Bayliffes and Commynalty of the said citty and their sucessors for ever, or the most parte of them shall for ever one the wensday next after the feast of Saint Michaell th'archangell putt forth the same five hundreth pownds vntill the wensdaye next before the fourth feast of St. Michaell th'archangell then allwayes next following that is to saye for foure yeares lacking sixe dayes to twentye five such poore artificers and people of handycroftes of the honeste name and reputation willing to take the same being continewally dwellers and howseholders within the said citty and suburbes therof as to the same Mayor Bayliffs and Commynalty for the tyme being or to the most parte of them shalbe thought meete, that is to say to each of the same twenty five persons twenty pownds to each of them taking from tyme to tyme good and sufficient assurance such as the said Mayor Bayliffs and Commynalty will answeare for, for true repayment to them and to theyr successors from tyme to tyme both of the principall and also for and after the rate of tenne powndes by the yeare for the same five hundreth pownds to be alwayes payd on the said wensday nexte before the said fourth feast of St. Michaell th'archangell next after the putting forth therof as aforesaid betweene the howers of one and foure of the clocke in the after noone of the same wensday as aforesaide, and if any decay shall happen by death or otherwayes of the same assurance within any the same foure yeares then for supply to be made which shall from tyme to tyme be made accordingly of and wiith other good assurance alwayes, and from tyme to tyme forever as to the said Mayor Bayliffs and Commynalty for the tyme being or to the most part of them for ever shalbe thought

meete, And towching the said foure hundreth pownds residue of the said stocke of nine hundreth pownde the said Mayor Bayliffes and Commynalty for the tyme being or the most parte of them as aforesaid shall also on the said wensday next after the

saide feast of St Michaell th'archangell alwayes for ever put fourth the same foure hundreth powndes also for ever vntill the said wensday next before the fourth feast of St. Michaell that is to say for foure yeares lacking sixe dayes as aforesaid to twenty Artificers weavers, Tuckers and Tuckers of the said towne of Tyverton and in default of such to others there of other honest trades & misteryes of honest name and reporte and reputation willing to take the same, being also dwellers and howseholders in the said towne of Tyverton that is to will to each of then twentye pownds to each of them taking such good and sufficient assurance aswell for repayment of the principall and for and after the rate of eight pownd by the yeare for ever for the said foure hundreth powndes and to be payde at such day and tyme and place, and for such supply of new and other assurance as is before lymited and appoynted of and for the said assurance stocke of five hundreth powndes and my meaning and desire is that the said foure hundreth pownds stocke be allwayes delivered and put fourth to sutch of Tyverton aforesaid as by terme I say tenne such Inhabitants of the said towne of Tyverton for the tyme being as shall be taxed most to subtedy to her Maiestie her heyres and successors shalbe nominated to the sayd Mayor Baylieffs and Commynalty twelue weekes I say twelue weekes with the least alwayes before the said day limited for putting fourth the said stocke as aforesaid and vpon the said nominacions good and sufficient suertyes shall also be nominated and vpon every putting fourth be bownd, with the principall vnto the said Mayor Baylieffs and Commynalty for such repayment as aforesaid, for otherwise the said nominacions not to be admitted and then the same putting fourth to be suche twenty persons of the said towne of Tyverton aforesaid as to the said Mayor Baylieffs and Commynalty shalbe thought meete they taking such good assurances to all intentes as they will answere for, as aforesaid and towching th'overplus of eighteene pownds by the yeare to be yearly receaved for ever of interest of the said severall stocks as aforesaid my will & intende of that same also is that so long as there shalbe noe decay of the said stocks or of either of them the same increase shall goe and be to the vses and employmentes following that is to say fourty shillings therof yearly for ever to the Towneclarke of the citty of Exeter aforesaid for the tyme being for keeping and writing of a fayre and perfect booke and bookes for ever contayning the disbursments and receipts of the said stocks and the said denominacions of principalls and suertyes assurances and other necessary circumstances of and concerning the premisses, for that my will and meaning is that nothing shalbe taken of any party or partyes receaving any parte of the said stocke for the making or wryting of any his or theyr assurance or assurances and the other sixteene pownd residue to the said Mayor Baylieffs and Commynalty for and towards their paynes directions foresight and travell in and abowt the good disposing and preserving of the said stocks according to this my true intende and meaning for & towards their supper alwayes on the said wensday limited for receipt of the said money to be taken wheare they shall thinke meete and towards one dinner to them yearly for ever on St. Peeters day in remembrance of mee, and towards such other such good vses as to them shalbee thought meete, but if and when any decay shalbe of the said stocke or stocks then to goe and be to the supply of every such decay vntill the same stock and stockes shalbee restored and made vp againe and this course to be observed from tyme to tyme for ever, and if the said Mayor Bayliffes and Commynalty after my death shall not accepte the chardge of the said stocks and premisses as aforesaid or shall not deliver such assurance for the performance therof as the saide Lord chieffe Justice and in his default as my exequitors and overseers named in this my will or the most parte of them shall limite advise and appoynt according to this my last will & testament or as neare the true meaning therof as conveniently may bee then my will is that my said exequitors and the survivors of them shall yearly execute and supply my meaning herin expressed towching the said stocks by such other good wayes and meanes as to them and my said overseers or the most parte of them with the advise of the said Lord chiefe Justice if he shalbe then living shalbe thought fitt, and then the said Mayor Bayliffes and

Commynalty to haue none other benefitt then to them or the moste parte of them I meane my
exequitors and overseers shall seeme good and if any taker of

Taker of any parte of the said stocks shall make default of repayment therof contrary to the true meaning of any such assurance aforesaid then besides the dainger therby incurred my will and meaning is that neither hee nor any of his shall at any time after have or take any benefitt of or by the said stocke stocks and my will and meaning also is that no baker, bruer, Butcher, Tayler or Inkeeper, Vyntener, Taverner, hosteler or Tanner or seller of ale, beare or any other victuals or such as sell divers sorts or kinde of wares which some call them mercers, and some call them merchants whatsoever shalbe any taker of any parte of this stocke or stockes, Item I will that my exequitors or the survivors of them by the advise and directions of my overseers and of the survivors of them with all convenient speede vpon a fitt and convenient platt and peece of grownde in Tyverton aforesaid by my exequitors for that purpose to be purchased and procured shall erect and buyld a fayre schoole howse to containe for the place for teaching only in length one hundreth foote and in breadth foure and twenty foote, a hawle, buttry and kitchin all of convenient space and bignes to be ioyned vnto it with fitt and convenient roomes over the same hawle, buttry & kitchin all the windowes well and strongly glazed and barred with iron barres and well covered the flower of the schooles to be well planched with planks of oke supported and borne from the ground with stronge ledges or beames with so many fitt and stronge settles and foormes as shalbe convenient having regard to the bignes of the same schoole and number of schollers to be tawght therin, and to bee devided on or neare the middest with some fitt partition wainscotted rounde abowte and the same wainscott to extend about five or sixe foote above the settles or foormes, and with such settles foormes and seates and in such manner to be framed placed and devised as shalbe thought moste convenient the hall to be also planched or paved and also wainscotted rounde abowte as high as the lofte, and to have in the hall and chamber over the same one other chimney and in the kitchin one fayre great chimney with an oven and a chamber over the kytchyn with a chimney therin as to my said exequitors and overseers or the survivors of them shalbe thought meete, and that there shalbee adioyning to this schoolehowse a convenient garden and woodyarde with a fitt howse and easments therin of and for the ease of schollers vpon or as neare the Ryver of Ex or there or lomed as may bee, and the said schoolhouse, garden, wood yarde and howse of ease to be rounde about well walled, and incloses with a strong wall, The going in and foorth to be at one only place with a fayre stronge gate with a little doore as is usuall in the schooles, and for that my desire is that these things shalbe very well strongly artificially and substantially done my will is that my executors shall bestowe therin twenty foure hundreth powndes with the lease if the premises so require my will and meanyng is that in and abowt these severall buildings, plott, frame and all the parts therof the advice and directions of my saide right deare and honourable frinde Sir John Popham knight Lord chiefe Justice of England shalbe taken and followed, and to him I give power and authority to alter and change what parte or parts therof for the manner of building, largnes and conveying the premisses he shall thinke good, and his directions in every thing for the effecting of my said purpose herin, and in all other things hereafter in my will mentioned followed and exequited. Item my will and meaning is that in the said schoole shall not be tawght above the number of one hundred and fifty schollers at any one tyme and those from tyme to tyme to be of children borne or for the moste parte before theare age of six yeares brought vp in the towne or parish of Tyverton aforesaid and if the same number be not so filled vp my will is that the wante shalbe supplied with the children of fforreyners, and that forreyners only to be receaved and admitted from tyme to tyme for ever with the assent and allowance of such tenne howseholders of the said towne of Tyverton aforesaid as for the tyme being shalbe most in the subsidy bookes of our soveraigne Lady the Queenes maiestie and of her successors for ever and not otherwise, and my meaning and desire is that they from tyme to tyme will make choyce of the children of such fforreyneres as are of honeste

reputacion and feare god, without regarding the ritch above or more then the poore, and that
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Continew in the said schoole as a scholler but boyes, and none aboue the age of eightene yeares or vnder the age of sixe yeares, and none vnder a grammer scholler, and my will and meaning is that the said schoole maister who shall for his tyme being have the vse of the roomes and buildinge aforesaid and also one vscher who shall have in the said building one chamber to himselfe only the schoolemaister for the tyme being shall have yearly forever fifty pownds to be payd quarterly, and the vscher twenty markes to be payd in like manner quarterly, and my hope and desire and will is that they hold themselues satisfied and content with that recompence for their travell without seeking or exacting any more either of parents or children which procureth favour to givers and the contrary to such as doe not or cannott give for my meanyng is it shalbee for ever a free schoole and not a schoole of exaction, and for the better making establishing, mayntenance and continewance of the said free grammer schoole and schooling forever. I doe by this my last will and testamente geeve appointe and devise all my lands Tenements and hereditaments in the County of Devon vnto Sir ffrancis Popham knight. Anthony Pollerde Esquier Richard Blewett Esquier Charles Beere esquier Roger Ashford esquier Roger Warre esquier. Roger Gifford esquier James Clarke esquier Henry Woorth esquier. John Weste the elder. Humfrey Colman. John Waldron. Edward Amy. Nycholas Skinner. George Slee, Richard Hill alias Spurwey, Richard Prowse my cosen John Weste the yonger, Peeter Weste, Robert Chilcott alias Comyn, John Dermond, John Blundell, Peeter Blundell, William Tanner, Roger Slee Will Crasse. Anthony Crasse and to theyr heyres and assignes forever, who I hope will accepte the same as ffeofees, whom I have specially chosen to beare trust and confidence in the premisses out of which the fifty pownds and the said thirteene pownds sixe shillings and eight pence shalbee quarterly payd as aforesaid and fourty shillings yearly for ever to a perfect Clarke for the tyme being to be appoynted by the said ffeofees or the moste parte of them from tyme to tyme for keeping a true and perfect booke of survey and graunting and demysing the saide lands and of money received and payd of and for the same and of other their proceedinges in and aboute the premisses taking alwayes warrant of his doinges from the said ffeofees or the most parte of them with their hands alwayes to be subscribed aswell in that behalfe as for and concerning the other things to them committed by this my last will and testament, and other eight pound yearly to goe alwayes to be subscribed aswell in that behalfe as for and concerning the other things to them committed by this my last will and testament, and other eight pound yearly to goe alwayes to the reparacions of the said schoole and other things necessary concerning the same for ever, and what else shalbe needfull or requisite in or about the said school or other circumstances therof I leave to the direction of the said L. chiefe Justice which my exequitors shall perfourme and accomplish and forasmuch as the true labour and exercise of husbandry is a thing very profitable in the Common wealth and acceptable and pleasing to allmighty god and yet at the present in moste places much neglected and decayed my will and desire therefore is that twenty pownds yearly shalbe employed and disbursed by the said ffeofees yearly for ever as followeth. That is to say the somme of five pownds yearly for ever of such foure poore boyes borne and for the most part brought vp in the said towne or parish of Tyverton of the age of fifteene yeares or vnder as to the said terme Inhabitants for the tyme being for over shalbe thought meetest whose parents shalbe dwelling in the said towne or parish to be bound to serue in husbandry, for seaven yeares or vpwades the said fyve pownds to be delivered to the maister he shall so serue with assurance to be taken by the said Clarke for the repayment as followeth. That is to say to the servant if the same seaven years service or more and be by him duly and truly done with the said maister or his assignes, and if the same service be not done accordingly in the servants defaulte in every such case the same fyve pownds to be repayde and to be bestowed towards the relieffe of poore howseholders in Tyverton towne aforesaid at the discretion of the said tenne inhabitants or of the most parte of them and if the same service be in parte done accordingly and then the said servant happen to

dye in the saide service within the tyme agreed of them to goe to the exequitors and assignes of the same servant with this that I dowbt not but the maister of the said servant will during the tyme he hath the said money imploy the same to some good & godly

godly vse for the said servants benefitt as my meaning is and if in the said parish of Tyverton theare shall not yearly goe foorth in service of husbandry so many as aforesaid then the want to be from tyme to tyme of forreyners of and in other places adioyning as to the said ffeofees or to the moste of them shalbe thought meete the same order and course to be observed of the same fforreyners as is before lymited of th'others and my will and meaning is that the saide ffeofees for the tyme being or the most parte of them shall from tyme to tyme make, establish, sett downe such orders lawes and directions both touching the said schoole and matters of husbandry and all matters and circumstances therof and touching all partyes to be interested therin or to have any thing to doe about the same as to them or the most parte of them for the tyme being shalbee thought meete for the governance mayntenance & continewance therof according to my true intent and meaning and that the schoolemaister and vsher for the tyme being shalbe elected nominated, appointed, displaced, and removed by the said ffeofees for the tyme being for ever of the most parte of them having allwayes the approbacion and allowance of the ordinary of the dioces of devon for Ever for the tyme being to the said election nominating and appointing only and my will meaning and desire is that the said ffeofees by me nomynated and appoynted only and my will meaning and desire is that the said ffeofees by me nomynated and appoynted as aforesaid and there and all other ffeofees of the said lande for ever hereafter when and as often as by the death or otherwise they shall come to the number of thirteene with the leaste the said same with the heyres of the other deceased ffeoffeers if they be not vnfitt, and for such as shalbe vnfitt then of others neare inhabiting of honest reporte and reputacion by alteracion of theyr possession shall make vp with themselves the number of five and twenty ffeofees againe with the least, so as the continewance of the said schoole and matter of husbandry and other good purposes aforesaid and my true meaning herin expressed resteth in the trust providence circumspection and care of the ffeofees for the tyme being which I hope they will accomplish & performe accordingly even as they will answeare the same before the maiesty of almighty god at the dreadfull day of iudgment when the secrets of all harts shalbe disclosed and for that my lands in devon are not yet of sufficient valewe by the yeare to supply my said will intente and meanyng concerning the said schoole schooling and matter of husbandry, my will therefore is that my exequitors presently after my death shall with th'advise aforsaid purchase lands or rents to a full supply therof and what overplus hereafter shall happen to bee, the same shalbe imploy'd to the performance of the rest of this my will, or to such other employments as I shall hereafter appoynte, and for th'increase of good and godly preachers of the gospell my will is that my exequitors foorthwith after my death shall disburse and bestowe the somme of two thousand pownds in and abowt the founding and establishing of sixe schollers to be students in divinity in the vniversity of Oxforde or Cambridge or in both for ever, and in and abowt the purchasing procuring founding and establishing of landes and tenements the yearly proffytts wherof shalbe imployd for and about their saide placing and mayntenance for ever in such manner as to the sid Lord chieffe Justice or in his default to my exequitors vpon good advise or the most part of them shalbe thought meetest, and my meaning is that their exhibicion and payment shalbe and continew to them severally from their said first comming to the said vniversities vntill they severally shalbe or by the orders and constitucions of theyr howses might be Bachilers in divinity or otherwise shalbe fellowes of any howse or howses or shalbe beneficed in the country and as they shalbe so or in the like manner severally preferred or promoted, or as they in the meane tyme shall fortune to dye my will is that theyr severall places shall for ever be supplied with schollers to be elected and chosen by the said ffeofees or the most parte of them with the advise of the schoolemaister there for the tyme being out of the said grammer schole of Tyverton and not elswhere, and that of the aptest and most toward in learning, and such as of themselues or parents or otherwise best able to mayntayne themselues in the said universities and for the founding, establishing and perfecting of the

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to the direction and fynishing of the said L. chieffe Justice and of my said exequitors most humbly praying his good Lordship to be pleased to take the same vpon him and to finish the same with all convenient speede, and in his default to my said exequitors vpon very good advise as aforesaid and for the first sixe to bee placed in the said university or universityes I leave to the nomynation and appoyntment of the said Lord chieffe Justice and of my said exequitors, not dowbting but as they shalbee afterwards promoted or removed as aforesaid or otherwise shall fortune in the meane tyme to dye others fitt to be the replaced as aforeasid will arise and spring vp in the said grammer schoole of Tyverton, I give vnto John Blundell of Tyverton two thowsand pownds I give to his sonne Peeter Blundell of Tyverton two thousand pownds. I given vnto George Slee of Tyverton one thousand pownds I saye one thowsand pownds. I give vnto Robert Chilcott alias Comyn one thowsand pownds I saye one thousand pownds, I give vnto Roger Slee fyve hundreth pownds they two be of Tyverton both as George Slye, is of Tyverton I give Edward west late of Tyverton three hundreth pownds I say three hundreth pownds I say three hundreth pownds give Mr. William Craven of London two hundreth pownds it is William Craven the elder I give to the three yongest children of George Slye of Tiverton sixe hundreth pownds to be equally devided amongst them which is two hundred pownds to each of them or either of them I give to the children of Richard Porwey alias Hill of Tyverton eight hundred pownds. I give vnto my cosen Richard Prowse of Tyverton one hundred pownds. I give to the children of the said Richard Prowse of Tyverton three hundreth pownds to be equally devided amongst them. I give vnto John Weste the younger late of Tyverton a hundreth pownds. I give vnto the children of the same John Weste three hundreth powndes. I give vnto John Chilcott alias Comyn three hundreth pownds I give vnto his sonne Robert Chilcott alias Comyn three hundreth pownds vpon condition that he pay vnto his ffather John Chilcott alias Comyn of Tyverton twenty pownd every yeare for the tyme or space of fyteene yeares if the said John Chicott alias Comyn of Tyverton shall so long live or doe so longe live otherwise this my legacy of three hundreth pownds to be voyde and then the same three hundreth pownds. I give vnto the said John Chilcott alias Comyn of Tyverton father vnto Robert Chilcott alias Comyn aforesaid. I give and forgive vnto Gabriell Newman all such money and debt or debts that hee oweth mee or that hee is indebted vnto me, he is of London, and of late did occupye in or of the mistery of goldsmithes, and hee is free of the company of Joyners in London. I give to the wardens and Commynalty of the mistery of mercers of the Citty of London two hundreth pownds I give vnto Thomas Spicer the elder merchant of Exeter twenty pownds. I Peeter Blundell doe will and appoynte that my Exequitors shall paye and laye out and bestowe of my goods foure hundreth pownds towards a decent funerall at my buriall for blacke gownes and cloakes, and or otherwise to theyr discretions besides the two hundreth and five pownds which I have given for one hundred poore men for gownes to every of them of forty shillings every gowne and twelve pence a peece in money for them which is fyve pownds as in the first sheete or leafe of paper in this my will appeareth. I give vnto Mr. William Craven the elder of London one hundreth pownds. I give vnto Mr. William Parker of London a hundreth powndes. He is perteyner with Master Craven, and dwelleth with Mr. William Craven. I give vnto Mr. John Weste late of Tyverton one hundreth pownds. I give vnto his sonne John Weste late of Tyverton a hundreth pownds. He marryed with a kynswoman of myne whose name was Edey Blundell. I give vnto my cosen George Slee of Tyverton one hundreth pownds. I give vnto Mr James Clarke esquier of Norton in the County of Somersett twenty pownds, I given vnto Richard Spurwey alias Hill of Tyverton twenty pownds. I give my cosen Richard Prowse of Tyverton twenty pownds. I give vnto John Chilcott alias Comyn of Tiverton twenty pownds. I give vnto his sonne Robert Chilcott alias Comyn twenty pownds hee is my servant and of this my laste will I make and ordayne my very loving ffrinds Mr. William Craven and William Parker Mr. Cravens partener merchantaylors of London and George Slee of Tyverton my cosen and John

West the elder and John West his sonne my cosen late of Tyverton both of them were these
fyve persons William Craven William Parker George Slee John Weste

John Weste and his sonne John West my full exequitors and I constitute and appointe my loving freinds Mr James Clarke esquier of Morton in the Cownty of Somersett and Richard Spurwey alias Hill of Tyverton and my cosen Robert Prowse of Tyverton and John Chilcott alias Comyn of Tyverton, and his sonne Robert Chilcott alias Comyn my manne of Tyverton to be my supervisors or overseers for the execution of this same my testament and last will, revolking and vtterly admitting all other former testaments and last wille by me at any time heretofore made or ordayned either by worde or writing and moreover my debtes payde and my legacyes and bequests herin perfourmed. The rest of my goods I give vnto the foresaid Mr. William Craven and Mr. William Parker George Slee John West the elder, and John West the younger to be equally devided betwixt them my fyve exequitors In witnes wherof I haue herunto sett my seale subscribed the day and yeare first above written in the presence of these whose names are subscribed to this my last will which conteyneth in all fourteene sheets of paper. I say fourteene sheets of paper written by mee Peeter Blundell his owne hand writing Peeter Blundell Memoradum that this is the last will and testament of the within mentioned Peeter Blundell being written with his owne proper hand and contayned in ffourteene sheets of paper, being sealed and subscribed by the said Peeter this present ninth day of June one thowsand five hundreth nynety and nine in the presence of Charles Bostocke scrivener. James Stanley scrivener by me Richard hey meiq Thoams Jardfield scrivener dicti Charoli Bostocke scrivener Zacharias Humfry scrivener one thousand fyve hundreth nynty nyne meiq Richard Chapman.