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Will of Philip Christian

In the name of God Amen I Phillip Christian ffreeman of the worshipfull Companie of Clothworkers, and Cittizen of London doe declare this to bee my last Will and Testament as ffolloweth vizt ffirst aboue all things I bequeath my Soule to god that gaue it Who gaue his Sonn Jesus Christ to redeeme it and to wash it in his owne blood that hee may present it to his ffather without Spott or wrinckle This is his owne worke To him alone bee the glory I bequeath my body to the dust from whence it did come beleeeuinge it Shall rise againe and made like his glorious body And as I am afterward and ought to dispose of my Masters Tallent according to this Will I desire his assistance to direct mee Item I bequeath to the poore of the Parrish of Saint Mildred in the Poultry in London the some of eight pounds to buy them Seacoale The next ffowre yeeres after my decease vizt fforty Shillings a yeare and to bee distributed by the discretion of the two Churchwardens and Sideman ffor the tyme beinge And ffurther if Rebecca my Welbeloved wife shall happen to decease or dye before the end or expiration of the Lease of my howse in the Poultry London Then in such case I giue ffiue pounds a yeare dureinge all such tyme after the death or decease of the sayd Rebecca my wife as shalbee then to come and vnexpired of an in the Sayd Lease to bee issueinge and payable out of the rents and profitts of the Sayd howse and to bee layd out and distributed to and amongst the poorest eldest people of the Sayd Parrish of Saint Mildred at the discretion of the Churchwardens and most antient Parrishioners of the sayd Parrish ffor the tyme beinge (Videliset) ffiue pounds at Christide in every yeare after the decease of my Sayd Wife Rebecca and not before vntill the expiration of the Sayd Lease and noe longer The ffirst yearely payment to bee made at Christide next after the decease of the sayd Rebecca my wife if the Sayd Lease bee not then expired, Item I giue to my Sister Katherne Harrington To my Cosen Joane Crane, To my Sister Blackisten To my Cosen Robert Taylor, and to every one of them ffiue pounds a peece, And likewise I giue and bequeath vnto my Cosen William Christian the Sea faireingman ten Pounds And to my Cosen Abraham Crane ten pounds both which last mentioned legacies shalbee payd within one yeare next after my decease Item I giue to my Cosen Charles Kneckell the Some of ten pounds to bee payd to him at his age of one and twenty years or at the end of the Terme of his Apprenticeshipp which shall first happen But if the Sayd Rebecca my Wife shall happen to decease or dye in the meane tyme or bee married in the meane tyme to a Second husband, Then in Such Case I will the sayd tenn pounds Shalbee payd to the Worshipfull Company of Clothworkers London whereof I am member, And that my Sayd Cosen Charles Kneckell shall receaue the Same ten pounds to his vse from the Sayd Company at the end of his Sayd tyme of Apprenticeshipp or age of one and twenty years which shall first happen and not before Item I giue to my Cosen Thomas Harman To Ellenor his wife To my Cosen Elizabeth Gardiner To my Cosen Thomas Gardiner Thomas Birch Allexander Wilkes Susan Skinner Martha Whitberen Everott Wall Mary Ashurst William Bomby Hester Ares Edward Christian the Cooper

Cooper To his daughter my goddaughter To my god sonn Phillip Harman Tp my godsonn Phillip Wattleworth and to my mayd Sarvant Oliue Duck To each and every of them twenty Shillings of lawfull mony of England And I likewise giue to the Sayd Olliue Duck ten shillings yearely ouer and aboue her wages for soe many years after my decease as shee shall dwell with the Sayd Rebecca my Wife And I likewise giue to Rebecca Loftis the Some of ffiue pounds to bee payd how and when the Sayd Rebecca my wife pleaseth Item I will that fiue pounds of that mony of myne which is in Captaine Christians hands shalbee disposed of by twenty Shillings a yeare for fiue years next after my decease for buying of small bookes pen Inck and paper or what shall bee thought most ffitt by the Minister and Schoolemaster of the Towne of Peele in the Isle of man for the tyme beinge for the vse of the Poorest mens sonns and daughters of the Sayd Towne of Peele Inhabitinge there and not otherwise Item I giue to the hospitall of Christ Church in London towards the maintenance of poore Children goeing to Schoole there the some of ffiue pounds of lawfull mony of England Item I giue and devise my two howses Scituate lyeinge and beinge in Lovells Inn in Paternoster Rowe in the Parrish of Saint ffaith vnder Paules Church in London after the departure of my Sayd loueinge wife Rebecca out of this present world to the Master Wardens and Commonalty of the Art or mistery of Clothworkers of the Citty of London abouementioned and to their heires and Successors fforever To this intent and purpose that they and their Successors shall pay out of the rents and profitts thereof yearely ariseinge or to them accrewinge vnto two poore youths or boyes every yeare foreuer after one yeare that the sayd two howses shall come into their possessions the Some of tenn pounds a peece the Sayd youths or boyes to bee natiues of the Isle of man and if they bee of my kindred or of my name my Will is that they shalbe preferred before anie other And the nearest of kin to bee first preferred. And that shall in that behalf bee preferred shall bringe a Certificate in writing from Some Credible men or man of that Island that his parents are poore and not able to prefer him which Certificate is to bee approued to bee true by some of that nation that liueth in London. To the Master Wardens and Assistants of the sayd Companie of Clothworkers And for want of such of that Island and nation to come from thence if there bee any here at London that their parents were borne there if they are poore and not able to put his or their Child or Children Apprentice My Will and mind is that they may bee Capable of this my guift of tenn pounds a peece to put them out to bee Apprentices And if it shall happen that there bee not a ffree Schoole mainteyned ffor the teachinge of Children in the Towne of Peele in the Isle of Man aforesaid Then my Will is that the twenty pounds a yeare by mee fformerly giuen ffor the puttinge out of two boyes to bee Apprentices shall cease And the sayd somes to bee payd by the sayd Company of Clothworkers towards the maintenance of the Sayd Schoole of which some my Will is that the Schoole master for the tyme beinge shall haue Eighteene pounds a yeare for his paines. And the other fferty shillings to bee payd and employed in buying and providinge bookes penn Inck and paper for poore Schollers there Alsoe that they paye or cause to bee payd Seaven pounds a yeare forever to Seaven poore men or women free of that Company of Clothworkers out of my rents and profitts of my Sayd two howses herein before expressed and to them giuen as aforesayd to bee yearely distributed on the Second day of ffebruary of and in every yeare. Alsoe that they pay to the Masters and ffowre Wardens of the Sayd Company fforever fforeuer for the tyme beinge ten Shillings a peece for their Care and paines herein to the Clarke of the Sayd Company ffor the tyme beinge yearely fforeuer Six Shillings eight pence To the beadle of the Livery of the Sayd Company for the tyme being fforever three Shillings and

And fowre pence for their paines to bee taken herein All which sayd seuerall Annuall some and somes of monie I ffreely giue and bequeath vnto them And will that the same and every part there of Shalbee Annually payd vnto them and every one of them on the Second day of ffebruary in every yeare out of the rents of the Sayd two howses before by mee to them bequeathed And all the rest of my goods and Chattles whatsoever after my debts and Legacies payd and my ffunerall Charges payd and discharged I giue and bequeath to my Sayd Loueinge wife Rebecca whom I make the Sole and only Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Praying and desireinge her to haue a Speciall care of the due and true performance thereof As my trust is in her And I Alsoe nominate and appointe my Welbeloued Vnckle John Taylor my Loueinge Cosen Hugh Lowden Any my deare ffrend Mr Thomas Downey to bee Overseers of this my last Will and Testament intreating them to bee aydeinge and assistinge to my Sayd wife and Executrix in performance of this my Last will and Testament. And for their paynes herein to bee taken I giue and bequeath to each one of them ffifty Shillings In Witnes whereof I the sayd Phillip Christian the Testator aboue Sayd to these presents Conteyninge Six Sheets of Paper haue Sett my hand and Seale this present Sixth day of december In the yeare of our lord god one thousand Six hundred fifty and three Phillip Christian Sealed deliuered and declared the day and yeare aboue sayd by the aboue named Phillip Christian for his last Will and Testament In the presence of vs whose names are herevnder written Thomas Davies Humfry Towne Screvener James Jenyns

This Will was proued at Westminster the Thirteenth day of March in the yeare of our lord god accordinge to the Computation of the Church of England one thousand Six hundred ffifty and three Before the Judges for Probate of Wills and grantinge of Administrations lawfully Authorised By the oath of Rebecca Christian the Relict and Sole and only Executrix named in this Will of the Sayd deceased. To whom was granted Administration of all and Singuler the goods Chattles and debts of the Sayd deceased shee beinge ffirst Sworne well and truely to Administer the Same.