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Will of Robert Pyle

This is the Laste Wille and Testament of me Robert Peele Clerk Vicar of the parish church of Chillham in the Countie of Kent and Citizein and Grocer of London Made the xijth daye of february in the yere of our Lorde God A Thowsand fyve hundreth thirty and eight and in the Thirtieth yere of the Reigne of our soueraigne Lorde henry the viijth by the grace of god king of England and of ffrance defensour of the ffaith Lord of Ireland and in the Earth Supreme hed of the Chirche of England. As to the disposicion of all and singuler Those Mesuages Londes Tenements and hereditamentes Rentes Reuersions & services with all howses gardens Chambers Cellars Sollers and Edificucions whatsoever they be and all their Appurtenances sett lying and being in Seecollane otherwise called the ffilete Lane in the parish of Saint Sepulchre withoute Newgate in the Suburbs of London in the warde of ffaryngdon withoute of London on the Northe parfte of the Kinges prison of the ffilete Whiche Mesuage Londes and Tenementes and other the premisses one Thomas Bonysante Citezein and Joynor of London late purchased of Walter Wilcokks of Mynchyn Marlowe in the Countie of Buckinghamshire Gentilman and whiche Mesuages Londes & Tenementes and other the premises with thappurtenances the same Thomas Bonysante after by this dede dated the ffirst day of february in the Thirtieth yere of the Reigne of our said soueraigne Lorde King Henry the viijth gave graunted and confirmed to me the said Robert Peele and to myn heires for euer to thuse of me the same Robert myn heires and Assignes As by the same dede more plainly Appierith And whereof I the same Robert Peele am nowe at this present tyme sole seasid to me and myn heires for euer being A Citezein and ffreeman of the said Citie of London. I the said Robert Peele considering i haue full power and lawfull Auctoritie to Amortisse the said Mesuage Londes and Tenementes and other the premisses with their Appurtenances according to the laudable vsages Lawes and customes of this Citie. Ordein and declare my will and entent as touching the disposicion of the same my Messuage Londes and Tenementes with their Appurtenances in manner and forme as hereafter ensueth that is to sayd ffirst I will geve and bequethe vnto the Maistier Wardeins and commonaltie of ffreemen of the mistery of Clothworkers of the Citie of London All and singuler the forsaid Mesuages Londes Tenementes and hereditamentes Rentes Reuersions and [fines] with all howses, gardeyns Chambres Cellers Sollers and Edificacions aforsaid and all other their Appurtenances. To haue and to holde All and singuler the forsaid Messuages Londes Tenementes and hereditamentes Rentes Reuersions & services with all other the premisses with thappurtenances as aforsaid vnto the said Maister Wardeins and commonalite of ffreemen of the Mistery of Clothworkers of the Citie and to their Successors foreuermore. Vnder the forme and condicions hereafter ensuring that is to say That the said Maister Wardeins and Commonalite of the freemen of the Mistery of Clothworkers of the said Citie and their Successors euery yere yerely foreuermore shall pay or cause to be paid to suche preest as from tyme to tyme shall syng and pray for the soule of me the said Robert Peele after my deceasse in the parissh chirche of Chillham aforsaid Nyne poundes six shillings and eight pence. Aswell for the yerely wages or Salarey of the same preest so there singinge & praying As also for performauce of other charges herafter mencioned by the said preest yerely to be doone in manner & forme as herafter by me is willed and declared that is to say touching the keping of an yerely obite finding certein Tapers of wax and keping the Reparacions of the howse of the said preest at Chillham aforsaid whiche said yearlu payment of Nyne poundes six shillings and eight pence sterlinges to be made at foure termes of the eyre by evin porcions to be paid. And if it shall fortune the said yerely payment of ix li. vj s. viijd. To be behinde vnpaide in parte or in all by the space of Thirty daies ouer or after any quarter day of payment in whiche it oweth to be paide being required of the said Maister

Wardeins and commonalitie of Clothworkers or their Successors or of any of the said Maister or Wardeins of the said crafte of Clothworkers whiche for the tyme shalbe by the said preeste of Chillham for the tyme being or his deputie (bringing A sufficient Acquittance for discharge of euery suche payment) That then and so after as suche case shall happen. All charges that the said said preestes and his deputie shalbe at in tariying wihtin the Citie of London at his comyng for the same (ouer one nights charge) I will that the said Maister Wardeins and commonaltie of Clothworkers and their Successors shall alwaies duely allowe & pay vnto the said preest withoute deniall in that behalf. Also I will that at suche tyme and whansoeuer John Castlyn Clerk now having the said service fortune to deceasse or departe from the same [since] That in and vpon knowledge therof gyven to the said Maister Wardeins & Comonaltie of Clothworkers or their Successors I will that the said Maister Wardeins & Commonaltie of Clothworkers and their Successors shall name and Appointe to the said service an other hable preest to doo the service as is before rehersed. And so alweis from tyme to tyme the said preeste that shall haue the said service to be at the denoiacion gyfte institucion & enduaccion of the said Maister Wardeins and Commonaltie of Clothworkers and thier Successors. Also I will that the said Maister Wardens and Comonaltie of the said Crafte of Clothworkers and their Successors yerely for euermore shall pay or cause to be paid to the Maister wardeins and comonaltie of the Crafte or mistery of Grocers of the said Citie and to their successors An Annuel Rent or Annuitie of Thirtene shillings and four pence. At the feast of the Nativitie of our Lorde Jhesus Crist or within Twenty daies alweis next after ensuing the said feaste yerely to be paid of it be lawfully asked of the said Maister and Wardeins of Clothworkers or their Successors or any of them. And I will that the said John Castlyn now having the said service and euery other that hereafter shall haue the same [] and yerely payment of ix li. vj s. viij d. aforsaid shalbe resident at all diuine seruices to be saide and songen in the said chirche of Chillham and also shall yerely foreuermore as nigh the feast of Thascencion of our Lorde as may conueinently be (in the whiche day at night I was borne) kepe myn obite or Anniuersary within the said Chirche of Chillham with fyve preestes besides the vicar or his deputie and euery preest at that obite to haue for his paynes vj d. the vicar or his deputie x d. because they shall kepe myn name in the beadroll the Clerk and Sexten of the said Chirche taking paynes at the said obite to haue thefore after the custome of the parish And in bred Ale & chese to be had for and to the poore folkes of the said parishe. I will be spent six shillinges yerely sat the said obite making vp the somme of ten shillinges for the yerely charge of my said obite by the said preest called peeles preest to be paid borne & so susteyned yerely foreuermore oute of the forsaid yerely payment of ix li. vj s. viij d. And also I iwll that the said preest having the said services shall euery weeke weekly and twice in the weeke at the least say placebo and dirige and ons in the weeke masse of Requiem. And I will that the same preest shalbe obedient to the vicar of the said Chirche of Chillham for the tyme being in all lawfull thinges. And also I will that the said preest with parcell of the said yerely payment of ix li. vj s. viij d. shall sufficiently repaired repaire mainteigne vpholde and kepe the hows now Appointed for the same preest at Chilhim aforsaid. And if and as often as the said preest shalbe necligent or remysse doing the said Reparacions (whiche at any tyme hereafter shalbe nedefull to be doon in and vpon the said preestes hows that then and so often and by all suche tyme so neglected the said preest to wante his wages vntill the tyme the same hows (at the charge of the same preest) shalbe sufficiently repaired. And I will that Sir Edward Wootton knight and his heires with certein other moste discrete of the said parrish of Chilhim by all suche tyme of none doing of the said Reparacions by the said preest shall quarterly receive the said yerely payment of ix li. vj s. viij d. and shall cause the said hows to be sufficiently repaired. And if than the said preest shall not be contented (the charges of suche Reparacions to Allowe and pay then I will that the maister wardeins & Commonaltie of ffreemen of the mistery of Clothworkers of the Citie of London or their Successors shall

clierly dysmysse the same preest of his said seruice. Andin his stede and place to sett and presente in an other and that to doo so often as any suche case shall happen. And if it fortune the said Maister and Wardeins of the Crafte of Clothworkers that nowe be or any of their Successors that hereafter shalbe Any yere make defaulte in payment of the said ix li. vj s. viij d. contrary to the forme aboue declared Or els if they or their Successors make defaulte of the said yerely payment of xiiij s. iiij d. whiche I have willed to be paid to the Maister and wardeins of the Grocers Or els if they or their Successors kepe not the Reparacions of the said mesuage londes & Tenements & other the premisses sufficiently from tyme to tyme as it ought to be don but suffre the same to be in moche ruyne or declay and the same sufficiently perued and the same not duely Amended vpon sufficient warning to them gyven nor will repaire the same within the space of half A yere after due monicion gyven vnto them for the same. Then I will and ordeyn by this my present testament and Last will that all the estate and possession of the said Maister and Wardeins of the crafte of Clothworkers and of their Successours (of and in all and singuler the forsaid messuage londes Tenementes & other the premisses with their Appurtenances) shall than & from thensforth be vtterly void & had for nought. And then as now and now as then I will ordein and bequethe by this my present testament and last will That all the same mesuage londes tenements with their Appurtenances shall then holly and Immediatly remayne & come to the Maister Wardeins & ffilisship of the said crafte or mistery of Grocers of the Citie of London for the tyme being To haue and to holde the same to the said maister wardeins & ffeliship of Grocers and their Successors for euermore vnder the forme and condicion that they the same maister & wardeins of Grocers and their Successors from thensforth for euermore shall not only pay the forsaid yerely payment of ix li. vj s. viij d. to the forsaid preest to be kept at Chilham aforesaid in manner & forme as before I haue willed that the Maister & Wardeins of the Clothworkers should doo) but also keepe the Reparacions of all the said messuages londes & Tenementes and other the premisses with thappurtenances well & sufficiently. And also doo & performe (to all ententes and purposes) all and euery other thing whatsoever in this my present testament & last will conteyned whiche I haue willed or ordeyned the said Maister Wardeins & Commonaltie of Clothworkers & their Successors to doo & performe. And if it fortune the said Maister and Wardeins of Grocers or their Successours any tyme after the said messuages Londes & Tenementes & other the premisses shall come to thandes & possession of the said Maister & Wardeins of Grocers for the tyme being by vertue of this my present testament & Last will to make defaulte either in payment of the said yerely payment of ix li. vj s. viij d. to the preest of Chillham aforesaid contrary to the somme before demised to the Maister & wardeins of Clothworkers or els be slak or necligent in the sufficient repairyng of the said mesuages Londes & Tenementes & other the premisses or els in doying & performyng any other thing (whiche before in this my present testament & last will I haue willed & ordeyned the forsaid maister wardeins & Commonalite of Clothworkers & their Successors to doo) to be Remyssed or necligent contrary to thentent & mynde of me herin declared. Than I will and ordeyne by this my present testament & last will that all the estate right title possession & interest of the said Maister Wardeins & felliship of the said crafte or mistery of Grocers of the Citie of London (of and in all and singuler the foresaid messuages londes & Tenements & other the premisses with thappurtenances than & from thencsforth shalbe vtterly voide and of none effecte. And that than and from thensforthe now as than and than as nowe I will & bequeathe all the said Messuage londes & Teneemnts and other the premisses with thappurtenances shall remayne and comme vnto the said Maister Wardeins and Comonaltie of ffreemen of the Mistery of Clothworkers of the Citie of London and their Successors for euer keping the obite aforesaid and doing & performing all the charges aforesaid in manner & forme As I the said Robert Peele afore by this my present & last will haue delcared the said Maister Wardeins & Commonaltie of ffreemen of the mistery of

Clothworkers of the Citie of London to doo. As they shall answere afore god for the same. In witnesse whereof to euery part of this my present Testament & last will Tupertite indented concerning the premisses. Aswell I the said Robert Peele haue set my seale. As the said Maister Wardeins & ffellowship of Grocers and the said Maister Wardeins & Commonaltie of Clothworkers their Comon seales seuerally haue pute Gyven the xijth day of ffebruary and yere abouewritten These witnesses John Hodssoll, letherseller, Robert Chapman, Draper, William mayf, draper, Wyllyam Ottye, [], Wyliam wekes goldsmyth, Johnes Mucklowe Suptor, London Henry Brighy Skryvener & others