

Will of Thomas Ormeston

In the name of god amen The xxiiijth daye of februarye In the yere of our lorde god a thousande fyve hundred fiftie and sixe And in the thirde and iijth yeres of the reignes of our Sovereigne lorde and ladye Philipp and Marye by the grace of god king and Quene of Englande Spayne ffraunce either of the Saules [] and Irelande defendours of the faith Archedukes of Austridge Dukes of Burgundie William and Brabant Counties of haspurge fflanders and Tirroll, I Thomas Ormeston, Citizen and Clotheworker of London being hole of bodie and in parfite remembrance thanckes be to almighty god doo make and ordayne this my present testament and last will in manner and fourme following this is to say ffirst I bequeath my soule to Allmightie god and to Jesus Christ his only sonne my creatour sauour and redemer. And my bodie I will to be buried in the Churche a churche yarde of the same parishe Wheare I shal happen to decease at the discreacion of myne executors Item I giue and bequeath to Elianor my welbeloved wif all my landes tenements rents reuersions and seruices with all and singuler their appurtenances sett lying and being in the parish of Sinte Bartholomew within the Cittie of London or els wheare. The said Elainor to have occupie and enioye the same Landes and tenements withall and singulier their appurtenances during her naturall lif So that shee kepe and maynteyn the same lands and tenements with all and singuler their appurtenances in due and nedefull reparacions and also paying out of the same lands and tenements yerely during her life in the name of a quite rent to the churche wardeyns of the said parrishe churche of Litill Saint Barthelmewes and to there Successors for the tyme being three poundes of lafull money of Englannde to be by the saide churche wardeyns yerelie distributed and bestowed in manner and fourme folowing that is to say I wille that the saide churchwardenes and their Successors for the tyme being shall euerye Sunday in the yere foreuer geve and distribute, or cause to be geven and distributed to the poorest housholders of the same parish in breade to the value of [] whiche breade to be geven and distributed to the poorest housholders of the same parishe every Sunday in the foure [] immediatlie after the seruice is doon at the [] of the same parishe churche. And I wille that either of the churchwardeyns for the tyme being shalhaue yerelie for their paynes ij s. and iiij d. residewe of the said iij li. to be yerelie bestowed aboute the reparacions and other ncessarye charges of the same parish Churche And I will that if the saide churchwardeyns doo omitte and not geve and bestowed euerye sondry xij peny worth of breade in manner and fourm before declared. Thennce I will that the said somme of three poundes be yerelie paid to Christes hospitall there to be bestowed towards the relief of the poore at the good discrecions of the Maister and Governours of the saide hospitall for the tyme being And I will and my mynde that Elianor my wife shall suffer Robert Ormeston my brothers Sonne being at this present my apprentice immediatly after he shall comme out of his eyres of apprentised to have and enioy during her life the house Mr Chancellor late dwelled in without any rent payinge for the same

So that he maynteyn and keepe the same house with thappurtenances in due reparacions And after the deceace of Eleanor my wif I geve and bequeath all my saide landes and tenements and with all and singulier their appurtenances before bequeathed to Elainor my wif to Robert Ormeston my said brothers Sonne and to his heires of his bodie lafullie begotten foreuer. The said Robert Ormeston and his heires paying out of the same landes yerelie forever iij li. in the name of a quite rent to thuses aforesaid, And further I wille that if it shall fortune the said Robert Ormeston to dye and decease without issue of his bodie lafully begotten. That then all the said lands and tenements rentes reuersionnes and seruices with all and singulier their appurtenances shall holie remayne to the maister wardeynes and company of the misterye of Clotheworkers within the said Cittie of London and to their Successours forever. The said Master Wardeynes and company and their Successours for the tyme being yelding and paying yerelie foreuer to the foresaid Churchwardenes of Sainte Bartholomewes and to their Succesours for the tyme being And in defaulte of them to the said Maisters and governours of Christ's Hospitall to thuses aforesaide for the Somme of iij li. And also upon condicion that the said Maister and wardeynes and company of Clothworkers and their successors for the tyme being shall yeld and pay yerely forever after the possession of the said Landes and tenants shall come vnto them to three hospitalles latelie erected within the Cittie of London the somme of vj li. of lafull money of England legally amongst them to be divided that is to say to euerye one of them yerelie xl s. And the residewe of the revenues yearlie comyng and growing of the said Landes I wille shalbe bestowed aboute the reparacions of the same Landes and aboute thother necessarie charges of the same company of Clotheworkers Item I giue and bequeath to the iij hospitalles aforesaid threescore poundes that is to say to either of them xx li. Item I giue and bequesth to my three britherne and ij sisters an hundred poundes that is to say to eche of them xx li. Item I geve and bequeath to Henry Marten and Oliver Cowper who wes myn apprentices & bicause they shalbe dilligent and helping my excurours together in my dettes eche of them x li. and to eche of them a blacke gowne Item I give and bequeath to my twoo girles which wes geven me to eche of them at the daye of their mariage x li. Item I geve and bequeathe to xl poore housholders dwelling within the said warde whereon I doo dwell to eche of them a gowne And I wille that there shalbe geven and distributed to poore people at my buriall x li. Item I geve and bequeath to the maister and wardeynes and company of the mysterie of Clotheworkers of the cittie of London[] one hundred poundes of an full money of Englande. And I will that the maister and wardeyns and assistants of the saide company for the tyme being shall deliuer our of the same C li. to tenne honeste housholders of the same company suche as haue neede therof that is to say to eche of them x li. they to have the saide money in occupying for two yeres putting in good suerities for the repayment therof at the two yeres end And then tenne other honest men of the same company to have it likewise for other two yeres. And so the said C li. to be devided out in manner and fourme aforesaid forever. Also I give and bequeath to the maister wardeynes and company of the Clotheworkers for their payment for comyng to my buriall to make them a dynner with all vj li. Item I geve to the poor people of the towne of Quene wheare I was borne xiiij li. to be distributed at my brothers discreccion. Item I geve and bequeathe to Robert Christopher and Rouland Hayward clotheworkers whoo I make and ordeyne overseers to see this my last will and testament performed for their paynes taking to eche of them xx nobles and to euerye of them and their wifes a blacke gowne. Item I geve and bequesth to the two Compters to Newgate to the marshallsee and to the kinges benche to euerye of the said persons x s. Item I giue and bequeath to Thomas Wigge my godsonne xx li. Also I giue and bequeath to Annes Greene the daye of her marriage xx marks of Lafull money of Englande And I bequeath to John Greene her brother xx nobles when she shall comme to thage of xxj ti yeres. And I wille and

Bequeath to the Clothiers of Suff whiche comonly resorte to this Cittie with cloathes xl s. to make them a dynner withall when they will appointe to meete here together Item I geve and bequethe to Richard Barker of Naylande my gowne of browne bewe. And to John Gent my gowne of frenche clothe and my velut doublitt Item I giue and bequeath to euerye godchilde that I have vj s. viij d. And to mestres mery a blacke gowne Item Mr Halse Alderman a blacke gowne Item I geve and bequeath o John Browne Clothworker and to his wif to either of them a blacke gowne Item I will that myn executours shall within twoo yeres after my deceace bestowe in releasing of poor parsonners that liethe for their fees xx li. Item I giue to the poor people of xxv warde of this Cittie xxv li. Item I bequeath to my brethern and susters Children in the Countrey xl li. egally amongst them to be divided. Item I geve and bequeathe to the yomanry of the Clotheworkers to make them a dynner with all v li. Item I geve and bequeath to George Thorneton a blacke gowne And I will that if anny mann or woman can iustelie prove that I have at any tyme during all my lief doon them any wronge that they shalbe recompenced for euerye grote v d. And the residewe of all my goods Cattall and plate Jewelles [] and readye money myn owne detts beinge paide my ffunerall charges borne my legacies performed and my wifes porcion to her due byt he customme of the Cittie of London deducted and allowed I holy geve and bequeath to Roberte Ormeston my brothers sonne and to Elianore my welbeloved wif. Whiche Robert and Elianor I make my executours In witnes wherof I the foresaide Thomas Ormeston to this my last will and testament have stt to my hande and seale yeaven the daye and eyre first above written in thepresence of Thomas Chambers gorcer henry Martyn and John Browne Clothworkers by me Thomas Chamber, witnes herunto By me Henry marten by me John Browne witnes herunto

