

Will of Elizabeth Countess Dowager of Home 1784

Elizabeth Countess Dowager of Home (pronounced Hume and often written thus in contemporary documents) was born in Jamaica about 1704, the daughter of William Gibbons and Deborah Favell. At the age of about sixteen on the 20th of October 1720 she married James Lawes, eldest son and heir of Sir Nicholas Lawes, sometime Governor of Jamaica. James Lawes died in January 1734, Elizabeth inherited considerable property from her father, and at some time after the death of her husband she moved to London. There on the 25th of December 1742 she married for a second time to William the Eighth Earl of Home. Within eight weeks and for reasons not apparently recorded he left her and returned to his military career, becoming governor of Gibraltar and dying there in 1761. There were no children from either marriage.

Elizabeth lived in Portman Square and in 1773 she employed Robert Adam to build a large house on the north side of Portman Square, possibly in part to entertain the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland, and to house two large full length portraits of them, mentioned in this will. Her relationship to the main legatees in this will is complex, both William Gale and the residuary legatee Peter Dixon were grandsons of Gibbons Morant, herself possibly the daughter of an aunt of Elizabeth Gibbons. William Gale died childless in London in 1795, and Peter Dixon inherited the estate.

Judith Maria Lawes, younger half sister of James Lawes, married Simon Luttrell, Lord Carhampton and her descendants are remembered in the Will.

A land survey of 1750 shows the Countess of Hume(sic) owning 5,287 acres of land, and her obituary in the Gentleman's Magazine gave her income from her husband's estates as £7000 a year. It is not clear whether this included her inheritance from her father.

This is the Last Will and Testament of me **Elizabeth Countess Dowager of Home** of Portman Square in the County of Middlesex Widow and Relict of the Right Honourable William Earl of Home deceased I give devise and bequeath all that my Freehold Estate and Plantation heretofore called or known by the name of Dry River and also all that other Plantation heretofore called and known by the name of Bay Marazy(?) and now both known by the name and description of Gibbons Estate situate in the parish of Vere in the Island of Jamaica which came to me by the Will of **my late Father William Gibbons Esquire** deceased or otherwise howsoever with the Negro and other Slaves Cattle Plantation Utensils Goods Chattels Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the said Estate or Estates in any wise appertaining or belonging and also all other my Estate or Estates Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises whatever and wheresoever in the said Island of Jamaica save and except my Estate called New River hereinafter mentioned with the Slaves and Appurtenances thereunto in any way belonging whereof and wherein I am in any way seized or possessed for any Estate of Inheritance unto **my relation William Gale** now at Westminster School for Duration but about to go for Jamaica Son of the late **Henry Gale** of the parish of St Elizabeth in the Island of Jamaica Esquire deceased for and during the term of his natural life and from and immediately after the determination of that Estate I give devise and bequeath my said paternal and other Lands Freehold Estate and Estates together with all and singular the Slaves and Appurtenances thereunto belonging to **Thomas Cousans** of Wimpole Street Cavendish Square in the County of Middlesex Esquire and **Edward Hamson Winter** of James Street Marybone in the County of Middlesex Esquire and their Heirs during the life of the said William Gale to the intent to preserve and support the contingent uses and remainders hereinafter limited from being defeated and destroyed but nonetheless to [illegible] and suffer the said William Gale to receive of the rents and profits thereof during the term of his natural life and from and immediately after the decease of the said William Gale In Trust for the first son of the Body of the said William Gale and the Heirs of the Body of such first Son lawfully begotten and for default of such Issue then to the use and behoof of the second third fourth fifth and all and every other the Son and Sons of the said William Gale lawfully begotten

as they shall be in seniority of age and priority of birth and the Heirs of their Bodies [illegible] the older of such Sons and the Heirs of His Body Being Always Preferred and to take before the younger of such sons and the Heirs of his or their Body or bodies and for default of such issue then In Trust for all and every the Daughter and Daughters of the said William Gale lawfully begotten and the Heirs of his or their Body or bodies issuing to take (if more than one) as Tenants in common and not as Joint Tenants and in default of all such issue of the Body of the said William Gale then In Trust to support and preserve the Contingent uses and Remainders hereafter limited from being defeated or destroyed but Nevertheless to permit and suffer the said William Gale to receive and take the Rents and Profits of my aforesaid Estate and Estates during the term of his natural life and from and immediately after his decease I give devise and bequeath my said Paternal and other Estate or Estates and all and singular the Slaves Hereditaments and Appurtenances thereunto in anyways belonging as aforesaid unto **Peter Dixon** son of **Charles Dixon and Elizabeth Clara Dixon formerly Sargant** his wife for and during the term of his natural life and from and immediately after the determination of that Estate I give devise and bequeath the same unto the said Thomas Cousans and Edward Hamson Winter Esquires and their Heirs during the life of the said Peter Dixon to the intent to support and preserve the contingent uses and remainders hereinafter limited but nevertheless to permit the said Peter Dixon to receive and take the rents and profits thereof during his life, and from and after his decease In Trust for the first Son of the Body of the said Peter Dixon lawfully begotten and to the Heirs of the Body of such first Son lawfully issuing and for default of such issue to the use and behoof of the second third fourth fifth and all and every other the Son and Sons of the Body of the said Peter Dixon lawfully begotten as they shall be in seniority of Age and priority of birth and the heirs of their Bodies issuing the elder of such Son and the Heirs of his Body being always preferred and take before the Younger of such Son and Sons and the Heirs of his or their Body or Bodies and for default of such issue to all and every the Daughter and Daughters of the Body of the said Peter Dixon lawfully begotten and the Heirs of her or their Body or Bodies issuing to take if more than one as tenants in common and not as Joint Tenants and in default of all such issue of the

said Peter Dixon then In Trust to support and preserve the contingent uses and remainders hereinafter limited from being defeated or destroyed but nevertheless to permit and suffer the said Peter Dixon to receive and take the Rents and Profits of my aforesaid Estate during the term of his natural life and from and immediately after his decease I give devise and bequeath my said Paternal and other Estate or Estates and all and singular the Slaves Hereditaments and Appurtenances thereunto in any way belonging as aforesaid to **Manley Dixon** second son of the said Charles Dixon and Elizabeth Clara his wife for and during the term of his natural life and from and immediately after the determination of that Estate I give devise and bequeath the same to the said Thomas Cousans and Edward Hamson Winter Esquires and their Heirs during the life of the said Manley Dixon to the intent to support and preserve the contingent uses and remainders hereinafter limited but nevertheless to permit the said Manley Dixon to [two lines deleted] receive and take the rents and profits thereof during his life and from and immediately after his decease In Trust for the first Son of the Body of the said Manley Dixon lawfully begotten and the Heirs of his body issuing and for default of such issue to the use and behoof of the second third fourth fifth and all and every other the Son and Sons of the Body of the said Manley Dixon lawfully begotten as they shall be in Seniority of age and priority of Birth and the Heirs of their Bodies issuing the Elder of such Sons and the Heirs of his Body being always preferred and to take before the Younger of such Son and Sons and the Heirs of his or their Body and Bodies and for default of such issue to all and every the Daughter and Daughters of the Body of the said Manley Dixon lawfully begotten and the Heirs of his or their Body or Bodies issuing to take (if more than one) as tenants in common and not as Joint Tenants and in default of all such issue of the said Manley Dixon then In Trust to support and preserve the contingent uses and remainders hereinafter limited from being defeated or destroyed but nevertheless to permit and suffer the said Manley Dixon to receive and take the rents and profits of my aforesaid Estate and estates during the term of his natural life and from and immediately after his decease In Trust for the use and behoof of **Elizabeth Dixon** and **Clara Dixon** daughters of the said Charles Dixon and Elizabeth Clara his Wife to take as tenants in common and not as joint tenants and

the Heirs of their Bodies issuing and for default of such issue to the use and behoof of **Lucretia Welch** of Wimpole Street Cavendish Square **Widow of Richard Welch** Esquire deceased and the right Heirs of her the said Lucretia Welch for ever And whereas a Number of Slaves part of my Paternal Estate in the Island of Jamaica or otherwise my property have been [illegible] from my aforesaid Estate or Estates to another Estate called Snow Hill in the said Island of Jamaica wherein I have only a life Interest and which said Slaves have been nevertheless regularly and properly registered as my distinct property my will is and I do hereby declare the same to be that all the said Slaves so removed as aforesaid and all other Slaves in any way belonging to me in the said Island of Jamaica shall as soon as possible after my decease be returned restored and removed to my aforesaid Estate called Gibbons entailed as aforesaid and to go along with and attend the entail [?] And inheritance thereof And I do hereby accordingly give devise and bequeath the said Slaves and all my Interest therein to the same Persons two and for and upon the same uses trusts intents and purposes as I have devised the said Estate called Gibbons by this my Will as aforesaid

Item I give devise and bequeath all that plantation piece and parcel of Land consisting of 135 acres be the same more or less purchased by me called or known by the name of the New River and situate in the parish of Saint Andrew in the said Island of Jamaica and all my right title and Interest therein unto the Honourable **James Luttrell** captain in his Majesty's Navy and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever

item I give devise and bequeath all that my Leasehold Messuage Tenement and Premises wherein I now dwell situate in Portman Square aforesaid together with all the Household Goods and fixtures thereunto belonging or appertaining (except only such part of the said Furniture as I may otherwise dispose of by this my Will or by any codicil by me made thereto) unto the said Thomas Cousans and Edward Hamson Winter Esquires and to the Survivor of them and to the Heirs Executors and Administrators of such Survivor upon Trust that they do and shall permit and suffer the said William Gale to occupy possess and enjoy the said Leasehold House fixtures and furniture and to receive and take to his use and behoof the Rents issues and profits thereof for and during so

much of the Term which I have to come and unexpired in the said Leasehold premises as shall run out in his lifetime and from and immediately after the decease of the said William Gale In Trust for the first son of the said William Gale and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten and for default of such Issue to the second third fourth fifth and all and every the Son and Sons of the Body of the said William Gale lawfully begotten severally and successively as they shall be in Seniority of Age and priority of Birth and the Heirs of their Bodies issuing the Elder of such Sons and the Heirs of his Body issuing being always preferred and to take before the Younger of such son or Sons and the Heirs of his or their Body or bodies issuing and for default of such issue to the use of all and every the Daughter and Daughters of the said William Gale to take (if more than one) as tenants in common and not as joint tenants and the Heirs of his or their Bodies issuing and for default of all such issue of the said William Gale I do hereby give devise and bequeath my aforesaid Leasehold House and Premises and the furniture and fixtures thereunto belonging unto the said Thomas Cousans and Edward Hamson Winter Esquires and their Heirs to for and upon the same trusts interests and purposes as I have before given and devised my Estate called Gibbons in the Island of Jamaica by this my Will but whereas the said William Gale is now in his Minority I do hereby Will and direct that in case he the said William Gale shall not have attained the age of twenty one Years at the time of my decease that my said Trustees do permit and suffer **Mary Dehany Widow** one of my Executors hereinafter named or in case of her refusal her Daughter the aforesaid Lucretia Welch Widow to live and reside in my aforesaid House and to occupy and have the use of the same and the fixtures and furniture therein free of Rent until the said William Gale shall attain the said Age of twenty one Years or depart this life keeping the said premises and furniture and fixtures in proper repair any thing hereinbefore contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding and whereas their Royal Highnesses the **Duke and Duchess of Cumberland** were graciously pleased to present me with their portraits at full length and which are now hung in my Capital Room in my aforesaid house in Portman square Now I do hereby desire and request the permission of their Royal Highnesses to bequeath the said portraits and I do hereby give and bequeath the said portraits of their Royal

Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland unto the Lord Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of London for the time being desiring that the said pictures may be hung up in some proper place in the Mansion House London there to remain and to be deemed and considered as ornamental fixtures to the said Mansion But in case their said Royal Highnesses should disapprove of this my bequest and shall signify such their disapprobation thereof in writing to my Executors hereinafter named within one Calendar Month after my decease then and in that case I do hereby revoke the said Legacy of the said pictures to the City of London as aforesaid and deal direct that my Executors deliver or cause to be delivered the said Pictures to his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland to be by him disposed of as he shall think fit any thing in this my Will contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding I give and bequeath unto the Right Honourable **Sir Henry Gould** Knight one of the Justices of his Majesty's Court of common Pleas and to his Executors and Administrators and Assigns the Sum of one thousand pounds In Trust to lay out and invest the same in Government or other good and sufficient Security in his or their names and to permit and suffer **Katherine Luttrell** Daughter of the said **Sir Henry Gould** and **wife of the Honourable Temple Luttrell** to receive and take the Interest Dividends and Proceeds thereof during the term of her natural life independent of her present or any future Husband and her Receipt alone notwithstanding her Coverture to be a sufficient discharge for the same and from and immediately after the death of the said Katherine Luttrell upon Trust to pay assign and transfer the said Capital Sum of one thousand pounds and the Stocks and Securities whereon the same shall have been invested as aforesaid and all interest and advantage arising therefrom to such person or persons and to and for such uses intents and purposes as she the said Katherine Luttrell shall by her last Will and Testament in Writing or any writing purporting to be her last Will and Testament notwithstanding her Coverture direct limit and appoint

Item I give and bequeath unto **Wastel Briscoe** of Wimpole Street in the County of Middlesex Esquire and to his Executors and Administrators the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds upon Trust to lay out and invest the same upon Government or some other good and sufficient

security in his or their names and to receive the Interest Dividends and proceeds thereof and to lay out an invest the said interest Dividends and proceeds as the same shall annually arise and be received in the same or any other Stocks Securities by way of accumulation or otherwise to appropriate the said Interest Dividends and proceeds as the said Wastel Briscoe his Executors and Administrators shall be most proper for the benefit of **Colin Campbell Deborah Campbell and Louisa Campbell** Spinsters Minors three children of **Peter Campbell** of the Island of Jamaica Esquire until they the said Colin Campbell Deborah Campbell and Louisa Campbell shall respectively attain the Age of twenty one years and from and immediately after their respectively attaining that age upon Trust to pay assign and transfer the said capital Sum of one thousand five hundred pounds and the Stocks and Securities whereon the same shall have been invested together with the accumulations thereon (if any made) unto the said Colin Campbell Deborah Campbell and Louisa Campbell equally to be divided amongst them share and share alike but in case the said Colin Campbell Deborah Campbell or Louisa Campbell or either of them shall happen to depart this life before they shall have attained the said age of twenty one years then upon Trust to pay assign and transfer the Share and Interest of him her or them so dying unto the Survivors and Survivors of them and to the Executors of such Survivor

Item I give and bequeath unto **Colin Campbell Esquire** Lieutenant-Colonel in the first Regiment of Foot Guards the sum of one thousand pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto **William Campbell Esquire and John Campbell Esquire** Barristers at Law **Sons of William Campbell** Esq of [blank] in the County of Suffolk the Sum of one thousand pounds equally to be divided between them

Item I give and bequeath unto **Mary Dehany** Widow one of my Executors hereinafter named the Sum of five hundred pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto **Lucretia Welch** Widow one of the Daughters of the said Mary Dehany the sum of five hundred pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto **Favell Allen** Wife of [blank]¹ Allen Esquire another Daughter of the said Mary Dehany the like sum of five hundred pounds and I do direct that her receipt alone notwithstanding her Coverture shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for the same

Item I give and bequeath unto **Elizabeth Pinnock** wife of [blank]² Pinnock Esquire another Daughter of the said Mary Dehany Widow the like sum of five hundred pounds and I do direct that her receipt alone notwithstanding her Coverture shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for the same

Item I give and bequeath unto the **Honourable General Henry Lawes Luttrell** Son of the Right Honourable **Lord Carhampton** the Sum of five hundred pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto **Edward Hamson Winter** Esquire one of my Executors hereafter named the Sum of one thousand pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto my Friend **Mrs Ann Phillips** of Queens Square in the city of Bristol Spinster one hundred pounds

Item I give to her Niece **Miss Ann Phillips** the like Sum of one hundred pounds

Item I give and bequeath to **Mrs Catherine Bull** (wife of **John Bull** my Attorney in Jamaica and another Niece of the said Mrs Ann Phillips) five hundred pounds and do direct that her script alone shall be a sufficient discharge for the same to my Executors notwithstanding her Coverture

Item I give and bequeath unto **Miss [blank] Gibbs** of Queen Ann Street Marybone and Sister of **Sir Philip Gibbs** Baronet the sum of two hundred pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto **Miss Henrietta Bulstrode** of Half Moon Street Piccadilly the Sum of one hundred pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto **Miss Lewis** now residing with her Aunt the Widow of Thomas Lewis Esquire in Soho Square the sum of two hundred pounds

¹ John Allen

² James Pinnock

Item I give and bequeath to **Mrs Townley (?)** Wife of [blank] Townley Esquire of Chiswick the Sum of one hundred pounds and her receipt alone notwithstanding her Coverture to be a sufficient discharge for the same

Item I give and bequeath unto **Mrs Huxley** of [blank] Street Marybone Widow fifty pounds

Item I give and bequeath to **Mrs Greaves** formerly Housekeeper in my Family and now residing in Red Lion Square Widow fifty pounds

Item I give and bequeath unto **Captain [blank] Lambert** Brother of **Sir John Lambert** and Thomas Cousans Esq one of my Executors hereinafter named and to the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivors the Sum of five hundred pounds In Trust to lay out and invest the same in Government or other good and sufficient Security in their names and to receive the Interest Dividends and Proceeds thereof and pay and apply the same for the use and benefit of **my Godson John Lambert** Son of the Said Captain Lambert untill he shall have attained the age of twenty one years and from and immediately after he shall have attained that age In Trust to assign and transfer the said Sum of five hundred pounds and the Stocks and Securities whereon the same shall have been invested as aforesaid unto him the said John Lambert his Executors Administrators and Assigns to whom I do from thenceforth give and bequeath the same accordingly but in case the said John Lambert shall happen to depart this life before he shall have attained his Age of twenty one years then and in that case I will and direct that the said sum of five hundred pounds from and immediately after such his decease shall sink into and become part of the Residue of my Personal Estate hereinafter disposed of

Item I give and bequeath unto **Lady Caroline Home** Daughter of the Right Honourable **Alexander Earl of Home** four dozen of Silver Plates eight Silver Dishes and a Silver Tureen and Cover and the Dozen of Silver Knives and forks and Spoons purchased by me at the Sale of my late Lords Effects

Item I give and bequeath unto **Thomas Causans** Esquire one of my Executors hereinafter named the Sum of five hundred pounds in consideration of the trouble he may have in the execution of the Trusts reposed in him by this my Will

Item I give and bequeath unto the aforesaid Charles Dixon and Elizabeth Clara Dixon his wife and to the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor the Sum of one thousand pounds In Trust to lay out and invest the same in Government or other good and sufficient Security in his her or their name and to pay and apply the Interest Dividends and Proceeds thereof for the use and benefit of my **God daughter Clara Dixon** their Daughter untill she shall have attained the age of twenty one years and from and immediately after she shall have attained the said age In Trust to assign and transfer the said sum of one thousand pounds and the Stocks and Securities whereon the same shall have been invested as aforesaid unto her the said Clara Dixon her Executors Administrators or Assigns to whom I do from henceforth give and bequeath the same accordingly but in case the said Clara Dixon shall happen to depart this life before she shall have attained the said age of twenty one years then In Trust for the use and benefit of all and every other the Child and Children of the said Charles and Elizabeth Clara Dixon born at the time of my decease who shall live to attain the age of twenty one years share and share alike if more than one and if but one then to that only one

Item I give and bequeath unto the said **Elizabeth Clara Dixon** (wife of the said Charles Dixon) the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds and her script alone notwithstanding her Coverture to be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for the same

Item I give and bequeath unto the said Charles Dixon and Elizabeth Clara Dixon his wife and to the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor the Sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds Upon Trust to lay and invest the same upon Government or other good and sufficient Security in his or their names and to pay and apply the Interest Dividends and Proceeds thereof for the use and benefit of **Peter Dixon Elizabeth Dixon and Manley Dixon** three other Children of them the said Charles and Elizabeth Clara Dixon untill they shall respectively attain the age of twenty one years and from and immediately after their respectively attaining that age upon Trust to assign and transfer the said Sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds and the Stocks and Securities whereon the same shall have been invested unto them the said Peter Dixon Elizabeth

Dixon and Manley Dixon equally to be divided amongst them share and share alike but in case the said Peter Dixon Elizabeth Dixon or Manley Dixon or either of them shall happen to depart this life before they shall have attained the said age of twenty one years then Upon Trust to pay assign and transfer the share of him her or them so dying to the Survivors and Survivor of them and to the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor

Item I give and bequeath unto my **Friend Miss Mary Fitzgerald** eldest daughter of Colonel Fitzgerald and now living with her Mother in Lower Brooke Street Grosvenor Square the Sum of £200

Item I give and bequeath unto my **Chaplains the Rev John Charles and David [illegible]** the sum of one hundred pounds apiece

Item I give and bequeath to **George Bogg** Proctor in Doctors Commons one hundred pounds

Item I give and bequeath to my Woman **Jane [illegible]** the sum of one hundred pounds in case she be living with me at the time of my death but not otherwise and I will and direct that all the before mentioned pecuniary Legacies to be paid and discharged within six Months after my decease

Item I give and bequeath my piece of Silver Plate Inscription of the Temple of Friendship to **Mrs York³** (wife of John York of Richmond in the County of York Esquire) requesting her to bequeath the same at her death to **her Niece Mary Ann Campbell** and as to all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate and Effects both real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature kind or quality soever subject to and here by charged and made chargeable with the payment of my debts Legacies and funeral and Testamentary Expenses and such other Legacies as I may by any Codicil or Codicils to this my Will hereafter give and to dispose of and I do hereby give devise and bequeath the same and every part thereof to the aforesaid Thomas Causans Edward Hamson Winter and Mary Dehany Widow and the Survivor of them and the Heirs Executors and Administrators of such Survivor In Trust to lay out and invest such part thereof as shall not be already invested in Government or other good and sufficient Securitys and to pay and apply the interest dividends and proceeds thereof in and of all other the residue of my Estate and Effects for and towards the benefit

³ Elizabeth Woodstock Campbell, dau. of Peter Campbell and Deborah Woodstock whose second husband was Wastel Briscoe mentioned in this Will.

and advantage of the aforesaid William Gale or in the keeping up and improvement of my aforesaid Estate called Gibbons in the Island of Jamaica as to my said Trustees or the Survivor of them all the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor shall seem the most meet untill the said William Gale shall attain the age of twenty one years and from and immediately after the said William Gale shall have attained the said age of twenty one years In Trust to pay assign and transfer the said rest residue and remainder of my Estate Effects and the Securities wherein the same shall be invested unto the said William Gale his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for ever to whom I do from henceforth give devise and bequeath the same accordingly but in case the said William Gale shall happen to depart this life before he shall attain the said age of twenty one years then In Trust to pay assign and transfer all and Singular the said Rest Residue and Remainder of my said real and personal Estate and Effects to such person or persons for ever and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint the aforesaid **Thomas Cousans Edward Hamson Winter and Mary Dehany Widow to be Executors** of this my last Will and Testament and do hereby declare and direct that my said Trustees and Executors or either of them shall not be answerable or accountable for any loss that may happen to my said Estate in Effects unless thro' their wilful default nor the one of them for the other of them but each of them through his or her own acts and [illegible] only and that it shall and may be lawful to and for my said Trustees and Executors in the first place to deduct and reimburse him her or themselves all such costs charges and expenses as he/she or they shall all may expend or be put onto for or on account of the execution of this my Will or of the Trusts hereby in them reposed and Lastly I do hereby revoked and make void all former and other Wills and codicils by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this only to be and contain my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have to two parts of this my Will both of the same Tenor and date and each contained in nine Sheets of Paper set my hand to the eight first sheets thereof and my hand and Seal to this ninth and last sheet thereof this 19th day of November in the year of our Lord 1783 Elizabeth Home Signed Sealed Published and declared by the Right Honourable Elizabeth Countess Dowager of Home the Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence at her

request and in the presence of each other have hereunto set and subscribed our names as witnesses to the due execution thereof Charles Levinson of Duke Street St James's apothecary James Ward Barclay Street Portman Square H Jackson Bookseller Oxford Street.

This Will was proved at London the 24th day of January in the year of our Lord 1784 before the worshipful George Harris Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful Peter Calvert also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Surrogate of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of **Thomas Cussens Esquire by mistake called Cousans** and **Edward Hampson Wynter Esquire by mistake called Edward Hamson Winter** and **Mary Dehany** Widow the Executors named in the said Will to whom administration was granted of all and Singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased they having been first sworn duly to administer.

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