

NOW BE IT KNOWN TO ALL WHO COME INTO THESE PRESENCE, THAT I,

JOHN BYRON WILKES

BEING OF SOUND MIND, IN GOOD SPIRITS, AND IN GRACE WITH GOD, BELIEVING DEATH TO BE IMMINENT, IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND THESE WITNESSES, DO HEREWITH DESIGN, RECORD, AND PUBLISH THIS, MY LAST WILL AND TESTIMENT, TO WIT :

FIRSTLY, TO OGARITA ROSALIE WILKES, NATURAL HEIR OF MY BODY, I BEQUEATH THE SUM OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY.

SECONDLY, TO HARRY JEROME STEVENSON I BEQUESTH THE SUM OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY.

THIRDLY, TO MARY LOUISE TURNER, NATURAL HEIR OF MY BODY, I BEQUESTH THE SUM OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY, AND APPOINT JOHN HARDMAN AS HER TRUSTEE UNTIL SHE SHALL HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF THIRTY YEARS OR SHALL HAVE MARRIED, WHICHEVER SHALL HAVE OCCURRED FIRST.

FOURTHLY, TO SARAH KATHERINE SCOTT, NATURAL HEIR OF MY BODY, I BEQUESTH THE SUM OF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY AND APPOINT ANDREW POTTER AS HER TRUSTEE UNTIL SHE SHALL HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF THIRTY YEARS OR SHALL HAVE MARRIED, WHICHEVER SHALL HAVE OCCURRED FIRST.

FIFTHLY, TO IZOLA MARTHA STEVENSON I BEQUESTH THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY.

SIXTHLY, TO ELLA TURNER I BEQUESTH THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY.

SEVENTHLY, TO KATE M. SCOTT I BEQUEATH THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY.

EIGHTHLY, TO HENRY JOHNSON, A FREE NEGRO RESIDING IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR GREAT AND FAITHFUL SERVICE AND TO WHOM I OWE MY VERY LIFE, I BEQUESTH THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY EACH YEAR THAT HE SHALL HEREAFTER LIVE TO BE PAID EACH YEAR ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH AS HE SHALL STATE IT.

NINETHLY, TO SARAH JOHNSON, A FREE NEGRO WOMAN RESIDING IN BOSTON, I BEQUEATH THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY EACH YEAR FOR THE REMAINDER OF HER LIFE.

TENTHLY, TO MY BELOVED WIFE AND ELIZABETH MARSHALL WILKES, I BEQUEATH THE REMAINDER OF MY BELONGINGS, REAL AND PERSONAL, WITH THE STIPULATION THAT ALL MY DEBTS BE FIRST PAID FROM MY ESTATE, AND FURTHER, THAT TWO THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING BE PAID TO EACH OF ELIZABETH MARSHALL WILKES DAUGHTERS.

ELEVENTHLY, I APPOINT ROGER MCCRACKEN AS MY EXECUTOR AND TRUSTEE AND DIRECT THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY DEMISE, HE SHALL PAY ALL LEGITIMATE INDEBTEDNESS AGAINST ME AND MY ESTATE AND SHALL THEN AS CONSISTANT WITH GOOD PRACTICE AND CROWN LAW, DISTRIBUTE THE RESIDUE WITH ALL DUE DISPATCH AND MAY GOD BLESS HIM.

TWELFTHLY, ROGER MCCRACKEN SHALL BE PAID THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING FOR HIS EFFORTS IN MY BEHALF AND SHALL HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO RETAIN, HIRE, AND DIRECT ALL THOSE PERSONS AND PARTIES THAT HE SHALL FIND NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE TO AID HIM IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS ASSIGNED TASK. EXECUTED AND WITNESSED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR OF OUR LORD, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THREE, AT BOMBAY, INDIA.

S/ JOHN BYRON WILKES (SEAL)

WITNESS :

S/ GEORGE FORRESTER (SEAL)

S/ EDWIN HENSON (SEAL)