

AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT
FOR THE HISTORY OF
WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE

BOYLE (Hon. Robert, the Scientist, 1627-1691). A CON-
TEMPORARY COPY OF HIS WILL.

Manuscript, written in a neat legible hand, on
27 leaves, large 4to; also codicil on separate
leaf of smaller size (codicil torn and defective)

July 18, 1691.

A DOCUMENT OF GREAT INTEREST FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF
WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE, VIRGINIA. Mr. Morpurgo (writ-
ing in the Times of Sept. 28, 1938): "The Yorkshire estates
of Robert Boyle, the famous physicist, were willed to the
college towards educating the Indians."

This document comes from the archives of the Society for the
Propagation of the Gospel.

Some interesting features of the Will are detailed below:

On folio 2: "Item, I give to the said Lady Ranelagh all my
manuscripts & collections of receipts ... beseeching her to
have a care that they or any of them come not into the hands
or perusall of any to whome she thinks that if I were alive
I should be unwilling to have them communicated."

On folio 3: "Item, whereas I had set apart, among other
things, the sum of 400 l. for certain pious uses; and
whereas his late Majesty King Charles the second having by

his special grace and favour, without my seeking or knowledge, been pleased to constitute me governor of the corporation for propagating of the Gospel amongst the heathen natives of New-England and other parts of America, hath thereby given me opportunity to discern that work to be unquestionably pious and charitable; and whereas I have given and paid the sum of three hundred pounds towards that piety; I do hereby give and devise the sum of one hundred pounds more to the said corporation (though by reason of sickness and infirmity I have resigned the office of governor) to be set aside and employed as a stock for the relief of poor Indian converts, which I hope will prove of good effect for the advancement of the pious work, for which they are constituted, and in which I heartily pray him, whose glory of the work itself tends unto (and I hope the persons intrusted with it aim at) to give them a prosperous success."

On folio 4: "Item, I give to Mr. Robert Hooke, author of Micrographia, now professor of mathematics in Gresham Colledge, my best microscope and my best loadstone."

In the name of God Amen I Robert Boyle of Hallsbridge in the County
of Dorset Esq. Youngest son of the late right Hon. Richard Earle of Cork deceased
being God be praised of good and vertuous memory And taking into due and serious
Consideration the Uncertainty of Death & the Uncertainty both of the time and
manner of its being Likewise Diversions which I come to Dye to have nothing
to doe but to dye Christianly without being hindered by any worldly
distractions from Employing the last hours of my life in ordering up my Devotions
and meditations before me to heaven Doo this Eighteenth day of July in the
Third year of the reign of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady William and
Mary by the grace of God King and Queen of England Scotland France
and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c And in the year of our Lord God
one Thousand six hundred ninety & one make and Ordaine this my last Will &
Testament in Writing in manner and forme following -

First & chiefly I commend my Soul to Almighty God my Creator with full
Confidence of the Pardon of all my sins & through his merits & mediation
of my Alons saviour Jesus Christ and my Redeemer I Commit to his Earth to be
Decently buried within the City of London on Westminster in that Church
in England without Dutychous or unnecessary Pomp and without any
Superfluous Ceremonies and without the Expence of above Two hundred & fifty
pounds & also without being unnecessarily Dissected and Disembowelled and if it
shall appear necessary that my Body be opened then my Will is that it be
performed very privately and in the presence of none but the Chirurgeon Physician
or Chirurgeon and his Attendance and of my Domestic or very near relations

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And as touching my temporall State wherewith God of his goodnes hath been
pleas'd to endow me I Depart therof in manner & forme following (that is to say)

I Give & Bequeath unto my Dear Sister **Deborah** the Lady **Katherine** Viscountess
Ranelagh a small ring usually worn by me on my left hand having in it two
Lady Ranelagh a small Ring small Diamond with an Emerald in the middle which ring being held by me & worn since
my Youth in great Esteem and worn for many Yeares for a particular reason not
known to my said Sister the Lady Ranelagh I Doe earnestly beseech for my
said Sister to wear it in remembrance of a Brother that truly honoured and
most dearly loved her.

I Give to the said Lady Ranelagh all my manuscripts & Collections of
Receipts whosoever of my own hand writing or others whosoever I Doe otherwise dispose
of all or any of them before my Decease beseeching her to have a Care that
they or any of them come not to the hands of any to whom she thinks
that if I were alive I should be unwilling to have them communicated.

Lady Ranelagh all his
manuscripts & Receipts

Lady Ranelagh 300

And I Doe likewise Devise unto her the same of **Three Hundred pounds**
(and all Interest) w^{ch} I formerly lent her upon enlarging & dwelling house in the
of Pall Mall w^{ch} she now lives in.

I Give Moreover by my Decease the greatest part of my entailed Lands in Ireland
will come to my Dear and Belov'd Brother **Richard** now Duke of **Burlington** & w^{ch}
I Doe give and Bequeath to him a Sardonicke Ring which I usually wear
on my little Finger beseeching him to accept of it & wear it for my sake
as a testimony of my unfeigned affection and of my sense of his great
Kindness & many favours towards me and begg him to believe that it does
not offend me that I have no Children of my own to inherit my entailed
Lands since they are by that Doyle to whom to him the truly Honourable
head of our house & Family.

D. Burlington a Ring

Item I give & bequeath unto my Dear Brother the Viscount Shannon the best Watch I shall by & request of to put him in mind of my constant Kindness & affection to. I endeavour to Express by my voluntary yearly expence in keeping up the Mannor house of Haldridge without intending to live in it for his sake.

P. Shannon a Watch

Item I give and Devise unto my worthy friend Richard Newton of Westm. in y^e County of Midd. by a Piece of Plate of the value of Ten pounds sterling as a Testimony of my remembrance of his Kindness to. I Devise him to continue by affording his Assistance if here & occasion to my Executors hereof to be named.

R. Norman a p. plate
value 10

Item I give and bequeath unto my faithful friend John Nicholls Gent. Rewards of the Count of my manor of Haldridge a Piece of plate to the value of Ten pounds sterling to be within the space of One year next after my Decease Delivered unto him by my Executors as a Testimony of my Remembrance and Affection making him his claim earnest request that I have hereby made to Mr. Richard Newman.

J. Nicholls a p. Plate
value 10.

Item I give and Devise unto y^e right Reverend Father in God Gilbert Lord Bishop of Salisbury my great Liberty Bible with silver Caps as a small token of my great respect for him & Devise of his favours to me.

B. Salisbury his owne
Bible

Item I give & Devise to Thos. Smith now my Serv. Thirty pounds in Case he be with me or in my Devise at y^e time of my Death. But in Case of his Decease or removal from me before that time then my Will is that he receive twenty pounds and no more.

Thos. Smith 30

Item Whereas my Serv. Sam. Warr y^e Younger is indebted unto me in the sum of Fifty pounds he owes a Debt Obligatory my Will is that he said Debt be remitted and Discharged.

remitted to S. Warr.

Item Whereas I had sett a work amongst other things the sum of Four hundred pounds for xiiij. over and let her see the late Ma: King Jacob's his second having by his special Grace & favour without meddling or knowledge been allowed to Contribute to me Governour of the Corporation for propagating

400. sol. over for xiiij. over

300: there of given

100: more to y^e Expedition
Indian Converts

Royal Society all
Rare & Unprepared
Mineralls

Dr. King a New
Handin value 35

R. Frauke Microscope
& Load stone

of the Gospel amongst the Heathen Nations of New England & other parts of
America hath thereby given me opportunity to Discerne that work to be unquestionable
pious & charitable And Whereof I have given and paid the sume of Three
Hundred pounds towards that pious & Devine the sume of
One Hundred pounds more to the said Expedition (tho by reason of sickness
& infirmity I have resigned the office of Governour) to be set a foot and implored
as a Store for the relief of poor Indian Converts w^{ch} I hope will prove of
good effect for the Advancement of the pious Work for w^{ch} they are constituted and in
w^{ch} I heartily pray him to send Glory & thankes unto God and to send y^e
Persons intrusted with it (as in al) to give them a prosperous success.

Item to the Great Royall & Learned Council for y^e Advancement of
Experimentall Knowledge (sent to me a Gresham College) I give & bequeath
all my Rare & Unprepared Mineralls as Crystall Marbles Earthy Stones (excepting
Jewells) to be kept amongst these Collections of like kind as a testimony of my
great respect for the illustrious Society and Desyre wishing them all
happy Success in their laudable attempt to Discover the true nature of the
Wants of God and praying that they and all other Searchers into Physicall truths
may cordially ascribe their attainments to the glory of the Author of
nature and the Benefit of man kind.

Item to my worthy Friend & Nephew Sir Edmund King Knight I give
and bequeath a Silver Handich of the value of Thirty pounds Sterling
as an Unfeigned altho. but slight testimony of the just Esteem of his
worth & skill and the sense I have of his particular care of me & kinnes
for me.

Item I give to M^r. Robert Wolfe now professor of
Mathematicks in Gresham College my best Microscope and my best

Legacy which I shall have at the time of my Death.

Dwight & Whitaker
rings of 5 pieces
R. White 5

Item I give and bequeath unto Mr John Dwight and Mr John Whitaker
once my Jewell each of them a ring of five pounds a peece.

Melne & Gregg rings of
6 each

Item I give and bequeath unto Mr Christopher White once my Jewell five
pounds the ring.

Nic. Wally 10

Item I give and bequeath unto Mr John Melne & Mr Hugh Gregg once
my Jewell each of them a ring of five pounds a peece.

Dr. Hare 10. 1/2 half of his
apparel
A. Carr 15. and 5 other half
of his apparel

Item I give unto Richard Wally my Jewell of the Name of Auldridge
a peece of Plate of the value of Ten pound sterling in money in lieu thereof
to be at his owne Choice.

Dr. Schloer being willed
at 8

Item I give unto my affectionate Servant John Hare forty pounds and y^e
one half of my wearing apparell & Linnen in case he be with me at y^e
time of my Death but otherwise to have use thereof of my Apparell & Linnen
and give to Robert J. Carr my Servant the sume of five pounde and
the other ^{half} of my apparell and Linnen in case he continues to be
my Servant at the time of my Death if he doth not then I give to him
a ring of six pounde a peece only and to Doctor Frederick Schloer late my
Servant a ring of the price of Eight Pounde.

E. Worlington La. Btl:
to: Warr Excute.

And I make and Ordaine my said Dear Brother Richard Earle of Worlington
& wife and my said Dear Sister the Lady克蘭拉格 and John Hare
the Younger Gent my servant serv^{ts} of the last Will and
Testam^t. Item I give and bequeath to my said Servants all my Deales right
title and interest of mine to a certaine Lease bearing date in or about the
month of

to the Execut^r all his
interest to a Lease of the
mines Royal in

made by the Exaulation of the mines Royal & their authority
unto William Lord Viscount Brouncker Sr Robert Murray Kn^t William
Late Lord Breerton and my self of a Mine or Mines in or near the
parish of Ashbury in Northshire for One and forty Years a Share for my

Item Whereas the Debts of James Watson late Alderman of the
City of Dublin and Abraham Richards late of the same City Merchant
or some of them stand indebted unto me in some hundred and sixty pounde

a thousand Toward Satisfaction whereof I have received the Sum of
 ffour score pound a hundred mark for a house in Damask street Dublin sold
 by me to my niece worthy friend Sr John Temple Knight deceased formerly
 Master of the Rolls which house was made over unto me amongst other things
 towards Satisfaction of the said Debt upon a Deceit w^{ch} I obtained in the then called
 the Court for Administration of Justice sitting at Dublin aforesaid And
 whereas the said Debt of Nine hundred & forty pound a hundred mark
 having & except the ffour score pound a hundred mark be as aforesaid before
 mentioned to be by me received still due and owing I give and Devise the same
 with all Revenues of what kind so ever therunto belonging and the proceeds of
 Empanation for the said Debt whensoever it shall happen to be made unto my
 said Exors. And I Do hereby Will & Declare that all & every of my
 Bequests aforesaid unto the said Richard Earl of Burlington the Lady
 Ranelagh and John Ware my above^{tt} Sonnily as Exors. and in that
 Capacity shall not be for their owne private uses but only in trust for and
 towards the paym^{nt} of my Debt and Legacies here by Devised And
 towards and for advancement of this my last Will and Testament
 and to and for noe other use or uses whatsoever And as touching the
 Disposition of all and singular my Estates Mannors Lordships Messuages
 Lands Tenam^{ts} & hereditam^{ts} in the Kingdome of Ireland which I have
 given to Divers of this is the last Will and Testament of me the said
 Robert Boyle made and Declared the Day and Year first above
 written (viz^t) I Give and Devise unto the right Hon^{ble} Richard
 Earl of Burlington and take my Dear Nephew the Hon^{ble} Henry

1660 Debt
 800000
 given y^e same to his Exors.

Not for their own private
 uses but for y^e paym^{nt}
 of Debt & Legacies

As to a house he has given
 to divers of the givers to the
 use of Sr J. Boyle & his heirs
 further well upon Devis

Duffe Esq^r of Castle Martyr in the County of Cork and Sr Robert
 Southwell of Kingsale in y^e Kingdome of Ireland all my Stake right title
 Interest & Demand whatsoever of in and unto the Castles being Nine Plough
 Lands and half a thousand / of Buttercank and the Mayety of the Lands
 called Buttercank and Rices Lands in the County of Cork severall Yeares since
 mortgaged to my Father and unto me for the sume of Two Thousand pound
 Sterling a thousand; And after my Fathers decease / leased by me under
 certaine Covenant and Condition for One and thirly Yeares unto Lieutenant
 Colonel Argondersham Muschamps for about the sume of Six score pound
 y^e and now or lately in Lease to Denny Muschamps Esq^r And alsoe all
 my Stake right title Interest Curme and Demand whatsoever of in y^e all and
 singular the Curme Lands Tenent^{ts} and hereditam^{ts} of Bathenoge and four pound
 chief rent issuing out of the Lands of Curme and Ballykeaney by the name of
 five Cartles all lying in the aforesaid County of Cork And all my Stake right
 title Interest & Demand whatsoever of in y^e the impropriate Rectory of Ahar
 alsoe Athdown in the County of Limerick in Ireland And alsoe all my Stake right
 title Interest & Demand whatsoever of in y^e to his Excellency Curme y^e Land
 containing Two plough Lands & halfe (be it more or lesse) of Bally Dangan
 Kiltreene & Bally Brittas heretofore mortgaged to my said Father for the
 sume of One Thousand pound or thereabout To have and to hold all y^e
 singular the said Castles Manors Lordships Messuages Lands hereditam^{ts} &
 messuages of Buttercank Rices Lands Bathenoge and the four pound a yeare
 rent the impropriation of Ahar the Two plough Lands and an halfe of
 Bally Dangan Kiltreene & Bally Brittas & all and every y^e messuages and all sume

Buttercank & Rices Land
 for 2000 Messuages.

Sold to M^r Muschamps.

and all Land Bathenoge
 for y^e chief rent out of
 the Lands of Curme and
 Ballykeaney and the
 impropriate Rectory of
 Ahar.

Sold to the Earle of
 Wilmington before his death

and Summes of money therof or therout due & payable unto me with all my State
right full Inheretall Claimes & demands whatsoever of in & to the p^rmisses & every
part member & appurtenances of them every or any of them And also all their
Evidences and Writings whatsoever for or concerning the p^rmisses or any parts
therof to them the said Richard Earle of Burlington the Hon^{ble} Henry Boyle
Esq^r and Sr Robert Southwell and their heirs and assigns for ever as fully and in as
large and Ample manner as the p^rmisses & any parts therof are or is limited in
defenced Com^{ms} given devised or bequeathid unto me the said Robert Boyle Upon
Speciall Trust & Confidence Notwithstanding and to & for the only uses Intentes &
purposes in and by this my Last Will & Testament limited & declared to & for no
other use Intent or purpose whatsoever (that is to say) that they the said Richard
Earle of Burlington the Hon^{ble} Henry Boyle Esq^r and Sr Robert Southwell and
their heirs shall after my Death by & with the advice of my Exors^{es} sell the said
respective p^rmisses and say the money thereby raised as also the profitts unill sold
unto my said Exors^{es} to & for the Use herein expressed

Upon Trust

the Justice to sell the
p^rmisses with Advice
of 4 Exors^{es}

To the Exors^{es} all Summes of
money as shall be raised out
of the Lands & All movible
Goodes Chattells &c
to Intent after expressed

Item I give unto my said Exors^{es} All & every such Summes & Summes of money as shall
be raised out of or by sale of my said Lands And also all my movible Goodes
Chattells & all money Jewells & Credits whatsoever & herein before bequeathid
limited or appointed unto them to and for the only uses Intentes and purposes
hereafter also in & by these p^rsent limited expressed and Declared and to & for no
other use Intent or purpose whatsoever (that is to say) to the Intent and Purpose
that the said Richard Earle of Burlington Lady Ranelagh and John Ware their
heirs Exors^{es} & assigns shall with what Convenience Speed they can

after my Decease by Sale or Concession (tho' upon the most advantageous to the
Buyer) Sell & make money of all the said Castle Lands mortgages Goods & Chattels
Cattle wale Feowels & Cedithe by this my Last Will and Testament bequeathed unto them
or to my said Trustees Richard Earle of Burlington & Hon^{ble} Henry Boyle Esq^r
& Mr Robert Southwell & shall in some convenient time after my Decease or

of the proceeds of the said Sale or Concession duly and fully satisfy pay & discharge
aswell all the severall Debts & Sumes of money (al^{tho} I don't amounting to much) w^{ch}
I now doe or at any time of my Decease shall owe to any person or persons whatsoever
And the Charges of the Funerall of my Body And also all such Legall Engagem^{ts}
as I have undertaken to performe to any person or persons whatsoever Especially to
my Tenants of my Mannors of Stalbridge And from & immediately after my Death
& Funerall charges & all such Legacies w^{ch} I have above by this my Will given and
bequeathed shall be discharged & paid and my aforesaid Engagem^{ts} made good Then my

Will is that I will reserve & the remainder of the proceeds of the Sale of a Concession
for all the said Lands Mortgages & Chattels hereby devised and bequeathed unto the said
Richard Earle of Burlington Lady Bunchugh & John Wain my said Executors
shall be by them saved upp And that in the first place they doe distribute
among the poor (having therein a speciall regard unto the poor of the parish of
Stalbridge and of the parish of Hermony in the County of Coker in y^e Kingdome
of England and also parished in that Kingdome unless any of my Lands doe lye)
the Sume of Three hundred pound Sterling And next after the Distribution
therof the Sume of Two hundred pound Sterling more amongst the much distressed
poore of all Qualities that have been forced or rished out of England and that

To sell and make money
of the Castle Goods.

To pay what he shall owe out
of the same
Funerall Charges &c

the residue to his Executors to
be saved upp, and distributed
to the poor of Stalbridge &
Hermony & other parishes
within his said County the
Sume of 300^l.

and 200 more amongst
the poore

shall happen to be in a new London Bristol Berke & Liverpoole at the time of
my Decese, which sumes will respect chiefly to some thinge that should in a
gracious Discretion that was Touch'd me in great Distress I thinke fit to charge
wth my Executors with the paym^t of after my Decese And also in the next place
that after the Distribution of the sume of Three Hundred pound & Two
Hundred pound as aforesaid And also after the paym^t of the sume of One hundred
six pound & four shillings to the above mentioned Sr Robert Southwell to be
Distributed by him amongst the Incumbents Rectors & Widowers & Children of
such as have been Incumbents & Rectors in the severall Parishes of w^{ch} -
I have the Jurisdiction in the Kingdome of England and to such of
them and in such proportion as the said Sr Robert Southwell shall thinke
most needful & convenient of the same That then to pay to my friend &
kinde named in the Schedule to this my Will annexed the respective sumes
therein expressed in the whole amounting to the sume of Four hundred
pound And after paym^t thereof I Will & Devise all the residue and
remainder of my Goods and Chattells reall & personall and of the money
to be raised by the Sale aforesaid by this my last Will above directed to my
deare Sister the Lady Ranelagh with all her issue male & female And my Will
is that in Case my Residuary part of my said Estate shall amount (as I really
believe it will by far) to more than Eight hundred pound Sterling over and
above the Legacies and Bequests above Devise and disposed of That then
my said Deare Sister doo retain and enjoy for her owne use the sume of

66: 4 to be paid to Sr
Robert Southwell to be
distributed by him wth

and to pay the sume
mentioned in the Schedule
amounting to 400 -

The residue to Sr Ranelagh
wth he received to amount
to more than 800^l to
retain 200^l thereout -

Two Hundred pound Sterling over and above the Three hundred pound debt
 above remitted to her (my Intention being that shall be benefited in the total
 to the value of Five Hundred pound Sterling by this my last Will and
 Testament) And this Legacy being deducted from the before mentioned
 Ready pay part of my Estate Then my Will is that the Overplus be
 lay'd out by my said Dear Sister in Case she Survive me and in Case of
 her Death by my Exors^r in such manner as by any Codicill or other Writing
 under my hand I shall hereafter direct And for want of such Direction for
 Charities and other pious and good Uses All her or their Discretion But I doe
 chiefly recommend unto her and them the Laying out of the greater part of the
 same for the Advance or propagation of the Christian Religion amongst Infidells
 And I hope my Relations and Friends will believe my Intentions to be as
 good towards them now as when I thought I had an Estate more considerable to
 Dispose of then now I have (Specially having of late lost by the breaking of
 Goldsmiths and others about fiftie hundred pound & since that by the
 Unfaithfulness of my Receiver in Ireland above Nine hundred pound
 And since that also by the Destructive Invasions and Warr that hath
 happened in Ireland the whole Income for above Two years last past of my
 Estate there) and Will therefore accept in good part of what Legacyes shall
 be presented unto them by my Executors? Considering that it is y^e Duty of every
 honest man to doe wth the doing of Acts of Justice before those of Kingdome
 when he is not sure he is able to doe both alike And Whereas diverse

The residue to be laid out
 by Exors^r as he should
 direct by Codicill or otherwise
 and for want of such
 direction to Charitable Uses.

But the greater part to
 be laid out for the propagation
 of Christian Religion

Lands & Tenem: by this my Will above directed to be sold were originally
mortgaged & later to the end thereof that y^e heirs of the Mortgagees may have
noe Just Cause to Complain nor the Buyers to be mistaken in their Purchases
I Doe hereby Declare Direct and appoint That in Case my Cozen
the heirs of Sr Percie Smith

The heirs of Sr Peter Smyth
liberty to redeem the
Rectory of Ophore -
mortgaged for 1000 -

long since deceased shall within the Space of One Year after notice
given him by my Executors to redeem the Impropriate Rectory of Ophore (soth
was mortgaged by the said Sr Percie for One Thousand pounds) & shall not doe
the same That then upon his releasing of all his right and Equity of

If he does not redeem
to be paid him as
a Legacy: upon acco^{tt}
he releases

Redemption the Summe of Threescore poundes shall be paid unto him
~~unto~~ out of the proceeds and sale of the said Rectory as a Gift or
Legacy from me to him But my Will is that the said Summe of Threescore
poundes shall not be paid unto him unlessse he discharge as aforesaid within one yeare
after the Notice aforesaid And Whereas the Castle Towne & Lands of Dally
Langan Killowme and Dally Brittas aforesaid were heretofore transferred by me
to my Sons: Cozen Michaell Arch Bishop of Armagh & Primate of all
Ireland To have and to hold to the said ^{Arch} Bishop and his heirs from and after
the Determination of Divers Yeares yet to come and to pass And
Whereas some Yeares since when y^e said Lands were ready to Come into
my hands I made a promise to Lease his said ^{Arch} Bishop to my above named
Leases Brother the Earle of Burlington for all my Terme and Interest therein

Sold Sr Burlington

Under the seal of Three score & seven and a three about. Declare I doe
 hereby Ratifie and confirme my said Bequest and doe Will and appoint that he
 shall hold and enjoy the same under y^e seal of Three score & seven and a three
 all the terme of my said Terme and Interest w^{ch} shall be to expire at the
 time of my Death. Lastly I hereby earnestly desire my said Executors
 to see this my Will and my Deeds in them repaid faithfully examined as they
 hope a Deeds to have their owne Will faithfully performed but for as much as
 by reason of y^e Incertainty of the times it may hapen (w^{ch} God forbid) That my
 Stake may walt with some further Misfortunes wherby it shall be so weakened
 as not to be sufficient to Discharge all the said Legacies of this my Will
 bequeathed Then my Will is that after the paym^t of Three hundred pound
 by me Devised to the poor & the sume of Two hundred pound by me devised
 to the much distressed poor of all Qualities &c as aforesaid mentioned to be in
 respect of a Deliverance from a Distress (w^{ch} I hereby Will shall be observed)
 That then my other Legacies shall each of them ^{be} respectively bealed their Legacies
 in proportion to what my said Stake shall fall short of my said other Legacies
 above by me Devised In Witness wherof I the said Robert Boyle becoming
 & Annuling all other & former Wills Testam^t and Bequests have to every sheet
 of this my last Will & Testam^t contayned in Seaven Pieces of paper
 sett my hand and to the last of them my Seal y^e Day & yeare first above written

If the State meet with
 further misfortune
 the Legacies to be bealed

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the aboves
 named Robert Boyle as his last Will & Testam^t y^e
 Day & yeare first above written in y^e presence of
 Isaac GARNIER
 JOHN CADDICK
 JAMES OGLEBY
 WILLIAM JOHNSON

Ro. Boyle

A Schedule in my Will refer'd unto for the Disposition of Four hundred
pounds which I will shall be paid to the Persons herein after
Sett downe in such proportion to each person as is therein express'd
(vizt)

Inprimis to my Sons:
& Dear Nephew -

The Earle of Barrymore Thirty pounds
The Earle of Kancragh Thirty pounds
Charles Lord Clifford Fifty pounds
Cap^t. Robert Fitz Gerald Thirty pound
Cap^t. Henry Boyle Thirty pounds

Item to my Niece:
& Dear Nieces -

The Countess Dowager of Diuett Thirty pound
The Countess Dowager of Canearly Fifty pound
The Lady Viscountesse of Downescount Fifty pound
The Lady Frances Shaen Thirty pound
The Lady Katherine Fitz Gerald Thirty pound

And to M^{rs}. Elizabeth Meliter (not to make a Difference between mee and my other
Nieces in my affection, noe more then there is in their relation to me) but because of
her peculiar Circumstances I give One hundred pounds.

This is the Schedule refer'd to & mentioned in my
Last Will & Testament
Witness my hand and seal Robert Boyle as a part
thereof and was of his own free will and amand
and al ad before the publishing & publishing this last
Will signed by him in the presence of W^r.

Franc Garrier
John Caddice
James Ogleby
W^m Johnson

R. Boyle

Whereas by an Act of Parliament in Great-Britain intituled an Act for the better execution
 of his late Ma^{ty} King Charles the second glorious Declaration for the Settlement
 of his Kingdom of Ireland and Satisfaction of the several Interests of his said
 Soldiers & other y^e Judges there: It was Enacted (amongst other things) that
 Robert Boyle my Govern^r adm^r and assignees should and might for &
 during his Term of Thirty one years next hold and enjoy all y^e singular the
 Impropriations of or belonging to the respective Abbies late dissolved Monasteries
 religious houses Priories & parishes of Dolly tubbin in his County of Mayo Knockmoy
 Kilsconla Ouan at St. Maries Athenry and Dunmore in y^e County of Galway &
 Tophone in y^e County of Tipperary & any of them Together with all the
 Impropriations & Rectories & appurtenances of the said Impropriations tithes
 & Rectories & belonging therunto, which before the said Act were vested in
 his late Ma^{ty} to any of the uses therein before mentioned according to the tenor &
 effect of such Grant or Grants as had or then were, or then or shoud be passed
 unto me thereof by his late Ma^{ty} Letters Patents in that behalf, & so they paying
 yearly for the same double the Customs & Connoe w^{ch} were received thereupon in the
 year One thousand six hundred fifty & one Hereof the said Robert
 Boyle Doo hereby give & Devise to my Deare Brother Richard Earle of
 Burlington & Charles in Ireland the right Hon^{ble} John Lord Viscount Mazarine
 Cotwathy Shoffington Esq^r of the County of Antrim in Great-Britain
 and Sr Peter Pett Knight their Exors^{es} admors^{es} & assigns

Dolly tubbin -
 Knockmoy -
 Kilsconla -
 Ouan -
 Athenry & Dunmore -
 Impropriate & tithes.

Given and Devise the same
 to y^e E: of Burlington Lord
 Viscount Mazarine
 and Sr Peter Pett the 4th
 upon trust to pay the same.

the fourth parte (the whole in foure parts to be divided) of the said

Impropriation and p. missor in and by the said Act granted limited -

is appointed by me to be held & enjoyed During the said Terme of One

Thirty Years upon Trust to be by them implied & Disposed for such

good and pious Use as I shall from time to time Declare or appoint

or in Default of such appointment after the Death of me the said Robert

Boyle Then for such pious and good Use as my said Trustees in their

best Judgm^t and Conscience shall thinke to be most agreeable to my Intent

And I Do Devise the one Moiety a halfe deale of the other three parts

of the p. missor unto the Executors or assignors of my late deare Sister in Law

Margarett Countess Dowager of Orrey for all the residue of the Terme that

shall be to come at the time of my Death And do so likewise Marry

of the said three partes I Devise the same to the Right Hon^{ble} Elizabeth

Countess Dowager of Anglessey her Exor^{ts} assigned for all the residue of the

Termes that shall be to come at the time of my Death And in Case of her

Dying before me Then I Devise the same to her Ex^{ors} assignors In Witness

whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the 25th Day of July in the fourth

Year of our said Good One Thousand Six hundred Ninety & One

One half of the 3 parts to
the Countess of Orrey
the other half to the
Countess of Anglessey her
Exors

Signed sealed and Published by the above named
Robert Boyle as parts of his last Will in
the presence of us

Ro: Boyle

Isaac Garnier
Edw: Cair
Wm John
James Ogilbey

Memorandum That Whereas I had thoughts of disposing to good use of the
money came to my hands on y^e 20th of my share of the Grant mentioned in the
Council's order unto his paper is answered to be granted to me by Sir Robt Wal^l
King Treasurer the second in his Act of Settlement of the Kingdom of England
and Whereas my selfe living in England found it difficult to meet
with any person every way Qualified to be employed in y^e carrying out such
money to the use designed by w^{ch} means the same has remained yet undisposed of
the sum of Two hundred pound w^{ch} is now in the hands of y^e East India
Company & Merchants of the City of London for security whereof I have
their Writing or Bill under their Common Seal dated the Twentieth day
of May One Thousand six hundred Eighty & one which said Writing or
Bill together with the Benefit thereof & increase thereof I have
by Indenture of Assignment assigned Ever first & last our Bank Sr Henry
Ainsworth of London Baronet by the name of Henry Ainsworth
of London Esq^r in Trust as by the said Indenture dated the Twentieth day
of January One Thousand six hundred Eighty and four relation
being thereunto had may appear) to and for such use intents & purposes
as I should at any time afterwards direct or appoint and I having
hitherto made no direction or appointment (See hereby Sir Robt Wal^l
not otherwise of it or any parts of it during my life time) —
To give Legate & Leguate his said sum of money with the Benefit
Interest & Increase thereof to my Treasurer Richard Earl of
Burlington & Earl in Ireland his Right Hon^{ble} John Lord Viscount

200 in the East India Company
assigned to Sr Henry Ainsworth
& Leguate the same to his
Trustees Sr R. Wal^l —
Mashardene Co. the Kingston
Sr Peter Pitt. to be disposed
of to the same use as the
share of Improvements of
Bally in India.

Magistrate Colworthy Shiffington Esq^r and Sr Peter Pett Knight their Executors & off^r
to be by them received and disposed of to the same Uses for which I Invented them
Vide y^e Lease & copye w^{ch} my share of the Impropriations &c of Bally tubey Knocking &c mentioned in
the foregoing Eccle^l A^l in Case that within some reasonable time after my
Decease my title to the s^d miss^{es} or any of them Or to the money received
by me on the Lease of any of them shall not be Questioned or like to be called in
Question to y^e prejudice of my Executors. Then my Desire is That the Trustees may

To Distribute money to
Parsons Rectors &c
poore Widowers and Children
the said Impropriations

Distribute the said Sums according as their Conscience & Discretion shall Direct
them Among the Preaching Ministers (whether Parsons Rectors &c or
Curaks) that have bestowed their pains as Incumbents in the said Churches &
Churches granted to me by the aforesaid Act since they Came into my said
possession or to their poor Widowers or Children The said Trustees being
Desired to have regard in the Distribution to piety & Orthodoxy of the persons
to their Daines & faithfulness in promoting the Works of the Ministry to the
Smallness of the Worth of their Livings and to the Considerableness of y^e Income
they Yield the Impropriation And by their Direction I Desire and Charge my said
Trustees to take their Measures in Disposing of the future Income or proceeds of all
that I have Invented them w^{ch} Only in Case it shall appear to them for
weighty Reasons that somewhat may be spared for some other eminently good and pious
Use or Uses They are left at Liberty to use their Discretion therein Provided the
maine ends of the above mentioned money and future Income be intended
for y^e Encouragement of pious preaching Ministers on the said
Impropriation.

Settles so far as
for a preaching Minister
for ever Or for a
considerable Number of
Years -

Whereas I have an Intention to settle in my Life time the sum of
fifty pound a year for ever Or for a considerable Number
of Years to be for an Annual Salary for some Learned Divine or preaching
Minister from time to time to be Elected and Resident Within the City of
London or Vicar of y^e Parish of Matalth, who shall be enjoyned to
preach the Office following (viz^t)

1 To preach eight Sermons in y^e Years for proving the Christian
Religion against notorious Infidells (viz^t) Atheists, Deists, pagans
Jews and Mahometans not descending lower to any Enthusiasm that are
among Christians then select these Lectures to be on the first Monday
of the respective month of January February March April May
September Octo. November in each Church or y^e Church herein
named shall from time to time appoint /

2 To be assisting to all Com^{rs} and Encouraging of them in any
Undertakings for propagating the Christian Religion to foreign Parts.

3 To be ready to satisfy such Real Scruples as any may have
Concerning those matters and to Answer such new Objections or Difficulties as
may be started to w^{ch} good Answers have not yet been made.

The Messuage in
Crooked Lane London
to stand Charged for
the remainder of the
Term towards payment
of the Minister.

And Whereas I have not yet mett with a Convenient Purchase of
Land or Inheritance for accomplishing such my Intention I Doe
therefor will and Ordaine (in Case it shall please god to take me hence
before such Settlement be made) That all that my Messuage or Dwelling house
in St. Michael Crooked Lane London which I hold by Lease for a certain
Number of Yeeres yet to come shall stand and be charged During the
remainder of such Terme as shall be to come and expire at the time of

of my Decesse with y^e paym^t of the cleare yearly rent & profits that shall from
 time to time be made thereof (Ground rent Taxes and necessary reparations
 being first to be deducted) to be paid to such Learned Divine or preaching
 Minister for the time being by Quarterly paym^t (That is to say) at
 Midwinter Michaelmas Christmas & Lady Day the first paym^t to begin at
 such of the said yeeres as shall first happon next after my Decesse and shall
 be made to such Learned Divine or preaching Minister as shall be in that
 Employment at y^e time of my Death During his Continuance therein And I will
 that after my Death Mr John Rotheram Sergeant at Law Sr Henry Ashurst
 of London Knight & Barronett Thomas Tounison Esq^r in Vicinity
 & John Evelyn son^r Esq^r and y^e Survivors or Survivors of them and such
 other a persons at the Survivors of them shall appoint as he shallee in y^e
 following Trust shall have the Power and nomination of such Lecturer
 And also shall and may constitute and appoint him for any Terme not exceeding
 Three Yeeres and at the end of such Terme shall make a new Election and
 Appointm^t of the same or any other Learned Minister of the Gospel residing
 within the City of London ahabent of the B^el^e of Matallike at shone
 Discretions And I Doe hereby Will and Ordaine this my Codicill to be
 a part of my last Will and Testament Witness my hand and seale this Eighth
 and Twentieth day of July in y^e Year of our Lord One Thousand Six hundred
 Ninety and one L

Persons to Elect the
 Lecturer not exceeding
 three yeeres.

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the Teste
 Robert Boyle to be a Codicill & and part of his last
 Will and Testament in the presence of
 Isaac Gornier
 Robert Cair
 W^m Johnson
 James Oglebey

Ro: Boyle

Whereas since the making & executing of my last Will and Testament several
 persons are brought to my Remembrance whom I should have made Legacies
 in my said Will had I thought upon them before my finishing thereof and being
 unwilling that they should be wholly deprived of my intended kindness to them
 wherefore I have thought fit to insert their several Names in Legacies in
 this my Will which I hereby Declare to be a part of my said Will

To Katherine Molter
 100.

Item I Give and Bequeath unto M^{rs} Katherine Molter Daughter of
 my Neice M^{rs} Elizabeth Molter the Sum of One Hundred pounds to be
 paid unto her when she shall have attained to her Age of One and Twenty
 Years or upon y^e Day of her Marriage which shall first happen

M^{rs} Robert Southwell
 M^{rs} Henry Ashhurst 20

Item I Give and Bequeath unto M^{rs} Robert Southwell the Sum of
 Twenty pound Item I Give & Bequeath unto M^r Henry Ashhurst Knight
 & Baronett y^e Sum of Twenty Pound Item I Give and Bequeath

M^r W^m Ashhurst 20

unto M^r W^m Ashhurst Knight & Alderman of the City of London
 the Sum of Twenty pound Item I Give and Bequeath unto M^r John

M^r John Rotherham 20

Rotherham Esq^{er} at Law the Sum of Twenty
 pound Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Son^{ne} William

M^r Johnson 15

Johnson y^e Sum of Fifteen pound Item I Give
 and Bequeath unto such a Number of the French protestants

The French Protestants
 100.

Refugees inhabiting in & about the City of London and Westminster
as my Exor^r shall think fit to pitch upon and shall judge to be most
necessary the sume of One Hundred pound to be divided amongst
them according to the Direction of my Exor^r. And Whereas -

Niche: Currier of the Inner
Temple w^{ch} the Inheritance
whereof he is worth

Nicholas Courtney of the Inner Temple Esq^r is & had been for

several Yeares indebted unto mee in the sume of One Hundred &
fifty pound principall money besides Interest for the same During the
time he had had the said money Now in Consideration that the said
Nicholas Courtney hath Done some Business for mee in my life time -
I Doe hereby writt and fully Discharge him his Exor^r & adm^r of &
from all the Interest money w^{ch} now is or shall be due unto mee
from him or them at the time of my Decease And I Doe hereby
Declare that this Codicill shall be added to my Last Will & Testament
and be apart thereof In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett
my hand and Seale the Thirtieth day of July In the third yeare of
the reigne of our Sovereigne Lord & Lady King W^m & Queen Mary
over England &c Annoz Domⁱⁿⁱ 1601

R: Boyle -

Signed Sealed Published & Declared by y^e Hon^{or}able Robert
Boyle Esq^r as a Codicill to be added to his last
Will and Testament and to be apart thereof in
his Testame^{nt} of

Plaac Garnier
Robert St. Clair
Jr: Caddicke 22

Whereas I have in and by my last Will and Testament empowered my
most Hono^{ble} and Dearest Brother the Right Hono^{ble} Richard Earle of
Burlington & Earle the Hono^{ble} Henry Boyle Esq^r and Sr Robert Southwell
my Trustees to grant Bargaine sell & Dispose of to the best advantage
imediately after my Decease all that the Manor & Land of Butterant & Dear
Land in y^e County of Essex within the Kingdome of England with all and
singular the right members and appurtes for and during soe long time
& Termes as there shall be then to come and encipied ⁱⁿ this said premises
(in case the same should not be redeemed and have therein Declared that the
money to be raised by the Sale a Redemption thereof should be by my said
Trustees paid unto my Executors and having for a long time determined to make
some Expression of the great respect and kindness which I have for and beare to
my aforesaid Brother and to the Right Hono^{ble} Countess Dowager and her
appurtenances of my said Brother my Ance^{stors} Heires by making some Gift or
Grant to the Offspring of my said Brother now in possession of my said
Determination I Doe hereby Publish & Declare that my Executors shall make an even
& Equall Divident of y^e said Purchase or Redemption money when paid to them
by my said Trustees as aforesaid And One Moith a halfe part thereof my
Will is That my Executors shall pay back unto my said Brother y^e Earle of
Burlington & Earle Upon speciall trust & Confidence nevertheless And to the
use inherit & purposes herein aforesaid mentioned and Declared (first to be sayd)
That he the said Earle shall apply say out pay and imploy his same
Moith a halfe part of the said money Within three monethes after his

Butterant & Dear Land

An Equall Divident of the
Purchase money
to be paid to y^e Earle
of Burlington upon trust
to lay out the same within
3 monethes for one or more of
y^e Younger Children of y^e said
Earle unmarried

Receipt thereof for his use and good advantage of such one or more of
the Younger Children now unmarried of the sd. Lord Clifford and in such proportion
if so maye then one w^{ch} him the said Earle his Exor. adm^r or assignee shall
see me fit And Under the further Trust that in Case he the said Earle his Exor.
adm^r or assignee shall fail to settle or Dispose of his same according to the said
Trust w^{ch} in thre months after the same is paid to him by my Executors
aforesaid That then he the said Earle his Exor. adm^r and assignee shall
stand possessed of the said Mowch or halfe part of the Purchase or
Redemption money see paid him as aforesaid Intrust for all the Younger
Children now unmarried as aforesaid of him the said Lord Clifford share &
share like And as for the other Mowch or halfe part of the said
Purchase or Redemption money which will remaine in the hands of my
Exors. I Doe hereby Publish & Declare shall be employed by him to the
use & good in my said last Will Declared and appointed And this
Edicill I Doe hereby Declare shall be added to my last Will &
Testam^t and be a parte thereof In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the first Day of August In the Third year of the
reigne of our Sovereigne Lad & Lady King W^m & Queen Mary our
England etc Anno dⁿⁱ 1591.

and in Case of failure for
all the Younger Children
now unmarried of L^d. Clifford

the other Mowch to be
employed as the said

Ro: Boyle

Signed sealed Published and Declared by the Hon^{ble}
Robert Boyle Esq^r as a Justice to be added to & be a parte
of his said Will & Testament in the presence of us.

Franc Garnier
Robert J^r Carr
W^m Johnson
James Dakeley

Whereas I have in and by my Last Will and Testament Settled &
 appointed the sum of Two hundred Pound Sterling to be paid
 & Distributed by my Exors^r & amongst such Distressed Irish Protestants
 of all Qualities as have been either forced or afflicted out of the Kingdom of
 Ireland since the late Calamities there and that should happon to be in
 a near London Bristol Chester or Liverpools at the time of my
 Decease Now in regard of the present Exigency and pressing necessities
 of overall of these poor I have thought fit to allot & give out my
 self as a part of that my intended Charity the sum of Fifty pound to be
 divided & distributed amongst such of them as I doe Judge most necessitous
 for their present Reliefe See that now my Will is that my Exors^r shall be
 obliged to pay and distribute to & amongst the said Distressed Irish
 Protestants in my last Will mentioned as aforesaid Not more than the
 sum of One Hundred & Fifty pound being the Residue hereof
 for the reason aforesaid And this my Excell^t I doe hereby Sanify &
 Declare shall in Order hereof be added to & be a part of my last Will
 & Testam^t In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand &
 Seale this Fifth day of August in y^e of Our said God One
 Thousand six hundred Ninety and one

180 for the Distressed Irish
 having given 30^l -

Witnessed, Published and Declared by the Hon^{ble}
 Robert Boyle Esq^r for and as a Excell^t to be added to
 & be a part of this last Will & Testam^t my Exors^r &c.
 Robert J. Caird
 Tho^s Smith
 W^m Kinison
 James Ogleby

Rob^t Boyle

Whereas I am Justly sensible of the great trouble that I shall give
 my Dearst & most honored Brother & Sister the Earle of Burlington & Cooke
 and the Lady Viscountess Ranelagh by my having constituted and adjoined them
 to be two of the Executors in Trust of my last Will & Testament which considering
 their age and Quality they may be one way fit to undergoe so late instant
 troubles that they may be saved as much as in me lyes from all such avoidable
 trouble of that Office I Doe hereby Declare that I have engaged
 my said Exors. in Trust M^r. John Ware Junior my most Faithfull Servant
 to take upon him was immediately the troublesome part of this Execution
 of my said last Will and Testament which he is to prosecute by and
 according to the Direction & Appointment of my said two Exors.
 and not to absent himselfe from his time during this time or
 former time in any manner of way so that he may be so employed in
 the Execution of his said Trust by Travelling above One Dayes Journey
 from London Unlesse it shall be upon an Extraordinary Occasion
 & with the Consent of my said two Exors. In Consideration whereof
 I Doe hereby give & devise bequeath & bestow upon him the said John
 Ware his yearly sum of Forty Pounds for his Carriage and Charges in
 the Execution of his said Trust which my Will is shall be continued
 unto him as a yearly Salary for the space of Three years from & from the
 Proving of my said Will Provided the Discharge of my said
 Trust require longer time Otherwise my Will is that this
 Salary shall be continued unto him for the space of One Year

John Ware to take upon him
 the Troublesome parts of
 the Will and to prosecute
 the same by & Direction and
 Appointment of the said Exors.

To John Ware he gives the
 sum of a hundred and forty
 pounds to be continued for 3 years

Or at most but in proportion for such further time as shall be
necessary for the Discharge of the then remaining part of the said
Trust And my further Will is That besides the Salary above
mentioned my said Exoruto: John Ware shall be allowed all such

To be allowed all necessary necessary and Reasonable Charges as he shall from time to time expend
Charges / and so unto in the performance & execution of the said Trust

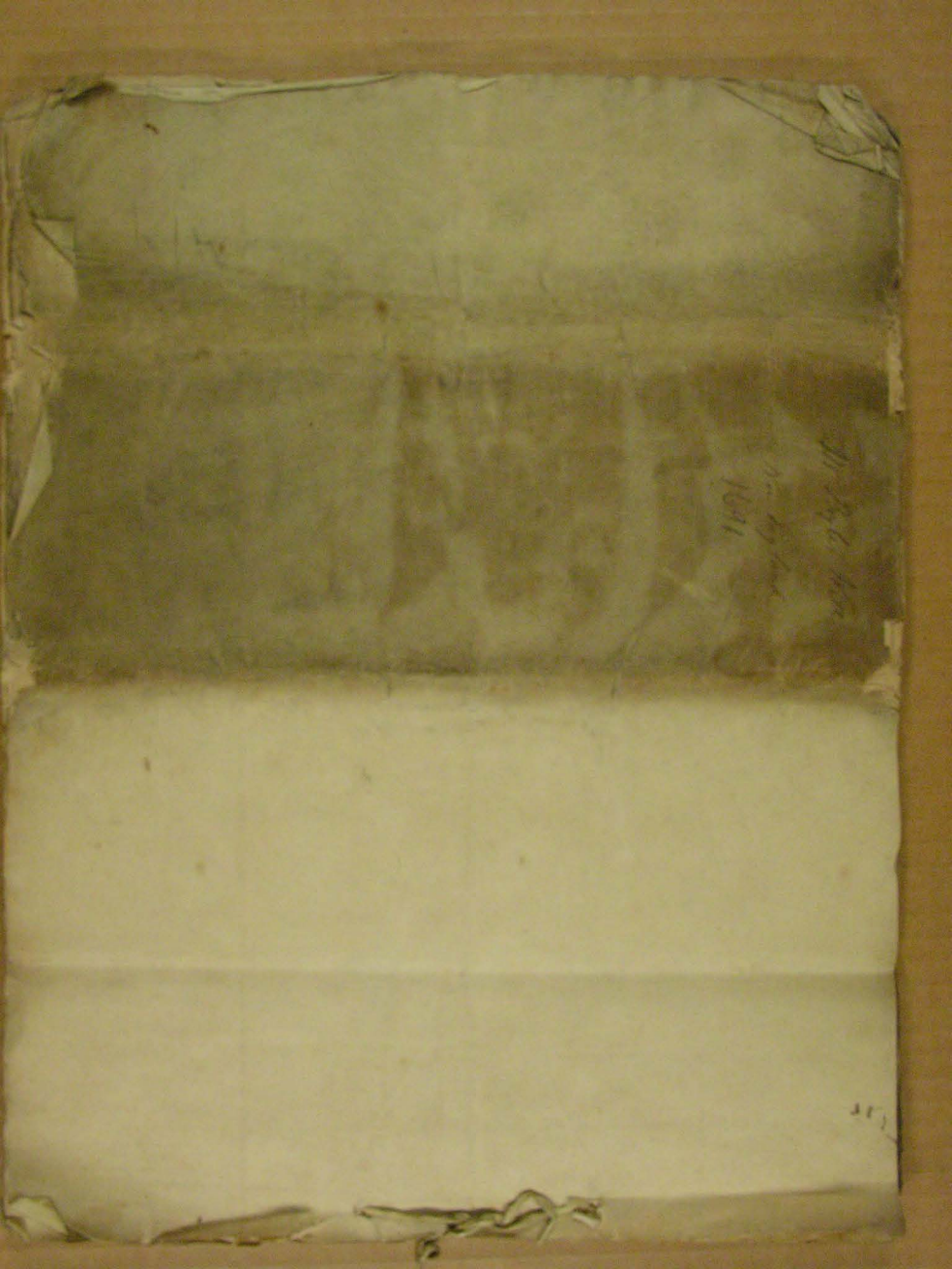
Lastly my Will is that this Codicill shall be added to and be a parte
of my last Will & Testament In witness whereof
I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal the Eleventh Day of
September for the Third Year of the Reigne of our
Soveraigne Lord and Lady W^m and Mary by the Grace of
God of England Scotland France & Ireland King & Quene Defenders
of the Faith &c And in the Year of Our Lord God One Thousand

Six hundred Ninety and one /

Jo: Bayle

Sealed Published and Declared by the Hon^{ble} Bayle Esq^r
for and as a parte of said last Will and Testament
in y^e presence of us

Ro: H. Clair
Thos: Smith
Jo: Coddick
W^m Johnson



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Whereas in and by my last Will and Testament bearing date
on or about the twentieth day of July last past I did bequeath
and appoint my dearest Sister Randolph out of my
in trust And whereas it has
to take in to himself by death
in law had and the
losing favour of
in the County of the
in Trust of my son
I in witness my son
Sister Randolph
to take in small

Henry
Esquire
Lady

of the said of my dearest Sister
by her Request made
of the said of my dearest Sister
out by them in a piece of Plate And I do hereby confirm all
the appointment of my said last Will & Testament Except my
only what I have in relation to my said dearest Sister Randolph
which I do hereby revoke And I do hereby also confirm
all other Codicil or Codicils that have been made by me
since the date of my above said last Will & Testament
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
Seal the Ninth and twentieth day of December in the
third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord & Lady
King William & Queen Mary our King and Queen
1689

Ro: Boyle

Witnessed Sealed published & declared by Henry
Esquire before me a Justice of the Peace of the
County of Middlesex in the presence of us
Maar Gurnier, Ro: L. Clav, Tho: Smith
Wm Johnson, J. Corn of Gray.

