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Francis Monteth gent. Whereas by the will in writing which I have given and devised to my Nephew James Monteth and his heirs all the rest and residue of my lands tenements and hereditaments which I have in the Kingdom of England. Now I the said Francis Monteth do hereby in the fourth day of September in the year of Our Lord One thousand six hundred eighty six by my the said will made, declare, that my will and meaning is, and I do hereby devise that my said Nephew James Monteth and his heirs shall have and enjoy all and every the Reversion and residue remainder and remainder expectant upon the decease of my loving wife of all and every the mesuages lands and tenements that I have settled upon her for her furniture or given her by my said will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day & year abovesaid. Fran. Monteth. Read before the said Francis Monteth, & then sealed and published by him as a Codicill in the presence of Thomas Short. John Jackson. Rob. Eccleston. Thomas Stebbins.

**Tertio die** mensis februarii Anno Domini (style Anglie) millesimo sexcentesimo octogesimo emanavit Commissio Jacobo Monteth fratri naturali et legitimo et legatario in Testamento nominato in eodem Codicillo et in amplexu Francisci Monteth impet de East. Sutherland in Com. Canty. defuncti fientis et ad administrandum bona jura et credita ejusdem defuncti iuxta tenorem et effectum dei Testamenti (eo quod nullum omnino Executorem in eodem Testamento nominavit) de bene et fideliter administrando eadem ad sancta dei Evangelia in debita jure forma jurato Anna Monteth relicta dei defuncti oneri Administrationis cum deo Testamento et Codicillo amplexu prius et nunciantes prout ex Actis hujus Curie plenius liquet et apparet.

**Primo die** mensis Decembris Anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo octogesimo primo emanavit Commissio Anna Monteth vidue relicte et Executrice Testamenti Jacobi Monteth defuncti amplexu fratrio et ad ministrandum bona et Codicillo amplexu Bonorum Francisci Monteth impet de East Sutherland in Com. Canty defuncti fientis et ad administrandum bona jura et credita ejusdem defuncti (in administrata per Jacobum Monteth jam etiam de mortuum predictum) iuxta tenorem et effectum deorum Testamenti et Codicilli (eo quod nullum omnino Executorem in eodem Testamento nominavit) de bene et fideliter administrando eadem ad sancta dei Evangelia in debita jure forma jurate.

**In the Name of God Amen:** This six and twentieth day of July in the year of Our Lord One thousand six hundred eighty six and six of John Mordaunt of Medbourne in the County of Leic. Esq. being of perfect mind and memory, blessed be God do make and ordain in this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following, first I commit my Soul to the hands of Almighty God my Creator, and my body I commit to the Earth from whence it came, to be orderly and decently buried, trusting and believing that through the merits of Jesus Christ my only Lord and Saviour I shall have a joyfull resurrection, and be eternally saved; And as for that temporal estate which God hath been pleased to bless me with: I dispose of the same as followeth: first I give and bequeath to my dear wife Barbara Mordaunt whom I make sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament all and singular my Goods Cattle Chattels and personal estate

John Mordaunt

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whatsoever, shee abating and paying the severall conditions gifts  
 bequests and legacies herein after mentioned: first I give and bequeath unto  
 my Aunt S. George a Guiney to buy her a mourning Ring: Item I give and  
 bequeath unto my Mother in Law m<sup>rs</sup> Barbara Ludlow five pounds to buy  
 her Cloath for a mourning Gowne: Item I give and bequeath the summe  
 of five pounds amongst those servants who shall be at the time of  
 my death, to be distributed at the discretion of my said Executrix: I doe  
 alsoe appoint that Elizabeth Bryan who now dwelleth in my house with me  
 and maintained by me shall be doe maintained and provided for during the  
 life at the joynt charges of my said Executrix and my selfe Henry  
 Mordeant who is my s<sup>on</sup> at Law, And if shee dye at the charges of him  
 who shall be the next Heire: And that my said Executrix may be the  
 better encouraged to see my Children well educated and provided for I give  
 and bequeath to her and her s<sup>on</sup> for ever (over and above her jointure  
 already settled by Deed) the five Acres of Meadow lately purchased of  
 Henry Neville Esq<sup>r</sup>: And I doe appoint her to be Guardian over my said s<sup>on</sup>  
 Henry until shee come to Eighteen yeares of age: In witness whereof I have  
 hereunto set my hand and seal the day and yeare above written: John  
 Mordeant: Signed sealed and published in the presence of: W<sup>m</sup> Ireland: ~  
 John Johnson: the marke of Grace Horne: ~

**Probatum fuit** Testamentum suprascriptum apud London Septimo  
 die Mensis Februarii Anno Domini (style Anglie) millesimo sexcentesimo octo-  
 gesimo coram venerabili et egregio Viri domino Colmo Henrico milite legum  
 Doctore Curia prerogative Cantuariensis magistro custode sive Commissario  
 legitime constituto juramento Barbara Mordeant relicta et solus Executrix  
 in huiusmodi Testamento nominata cui commissa fuit Administratio omnium et  
 singulorum Bonorum iurium et creditorum dicti defuncti debere et fideliter  
 administrando eadem ad sancta Dei Evangelia vigore Commissionis jurata: ~

**In the Name of God Amen:**  
 This present first day of Septemb<sup>r</sup> one thousand six hundred Eightie and in the  
 two and thirtieth yere of the reigne of Our Sovereigne Lord King Charles  
 the second of England &c. I Xpofe Merit of Northampton the Barist<sup>r</sup> of Shespe  
 in the Countie of Midd<sup>l</sup> shire being in good health of bodie and of sound and  
 perfect memorie, thank be therefore given to Almighty God, thus calling to  
 mynd my last End, and the great uncertaintie of this transitorie life and  
 the uncertaintie approach of the most certaine houre of death doe make and  
 declare this my present and last will in maner and forme following: (that is  
 to say) first and principally I commend my Soule into the hands of Almighty  
 God my most mercifull Father and Creator, assuredly hoping and believing  
 the right his Mercie and the all-sufficient Merits Scatterd Passion of his  
 onely s<sup>on</sup> Jesus Christ my onely Saviour and Reddmer to be freely pardoned  
 all my Sins and Offences whatsoeuer, and after this transitorie life ended to  
 have and enjoy eternall felicitie in the Kingdome of Heaven with the  
 elect Angells and Saints of God; And my bodie I commit to the Earth to be  
 of it was framed) to be decently buried with Christian Buriall in the Church  
 of Norwood in the said Parish of Shespe, and on the day so to be my s<sup>on</sup>  
 doeth soe and myselfe have constantly sett in the times of Gods holy Services;  
 And for and concerning such chattels debts and other things and Estate whatso-  
 ever as it shall please God in his Mercie to bestow and restore unto mee I  
 doe

Xpofe  
 Merit: ~