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In the Anno Annoq; Domini 1704 and 1705 (the one Intituled An Act for  
granting an Aye to Her Majesty for carrying on the War, and other Her  
Majesties occasions by Act, the other, an Act for raising Monies by sale of  
severall Annuities for carrying on the War) I am Intituled and have Right  
to severall yearly Summs or Annuities (amounting together to the Summe of  
fourstone Pounds p annu) to be paid Quarterly to me and my Assigns, and to  
certain persons my nominees out of the 3700 p week Exise, or other Summs,  
for the now remaining Terme of ninety nine years (in the aforesaid Acts of  
Parliament mentioned) to come and unexpired, as by the severall respective  
Orders, issued out of the Exchequer, which I have for the payment of the  
said severall Annuities, bearing date on or about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September  
1704, and the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1705, relation being thereunto had may  
more fully appear; Now my Will and Mind touching the same is, as follows,  
And accordingly, I doe hereby freely Give, Bequeath, Grant, Devise and Assign  
unto my said Dear Wife her Executors Administrators and Assigns, all and  
severall the before mentioned yearly Summs or Annuities of Eighty pounds  
by me purchasod as aforesaid, with all the before mentioned Orders and  
Tallys touching the same and all my Right, Title, Clayme and Interest in  
and to the said Orders, and yearly Summs or Annuities, and in the Remainder  
of the said Terme that shall be to come and unexpired at the time of  
my decease, Subject nevertheless to and under the following provisos, &c  
Conditions, Trusts and Limitations, only, and to no other, viz: My Will meaning  
therein is, and I doe accordingly devise, appoint and direct, That from and  
after my decease; the yearly summe or Annuity of forty Pounds p annu viz:  
the moiety of the before mentioned yearly Summs or Annuities of Eighty  
pounds by me purchasod as aforesaid, shall be, and be by my said Dear  
Wife her Executors Administrators and Assigns well and truly paid or caused  
to be paid unto my said Brother Cheney Colpeper to and for his proper  
use and behoofe, for and during his naturall life; the said Annuity of forty  
Pounds to be paid him Quarterly assoon as received out of Her Majesties  
Exchequer and the first payment thereof to be made at and upon the first  
feastday of the four usuall feastdays that shall come, be and hereafter  
after the day of my decease: And in case it shall soe happen, that my said  
Brother Cheney Colpeper shall survive my said Dear Wife I doe further will  
appoint and direct, that from and after the decease of my said Dear Wife as  
aforesaid, all and the said yearly Summs and Annuities of fourstone pounds  
before mentioned to be purchasod by me; and specified in the aforesaid  
severall Orders, shall by the Executors Administrators and Assigns of my said  
Dear Wife be well and truly paid, or caused to be paid unto my said Brother  
Cheney Colpeper to and for his proper use and behoofe, for and during his  
naturall life, to be paid unto him Quarterly, and in the same manner, and  
at the same times as the above mentioned Annuity of forty Pounds is  
appointed to be paid in the life time of my said Dear Wife; And further  
also, that from and after the decease of my said Brother Cheney Colpeper  
(my said Dear Wife being then living) the yearly summe or Annuity of twenty  
pounds (part of the before mentioned yearly Summs or Annuities of fourstone  
pounds) shall be, and be by my said Dear Wife her Executors Administrators  
and Assigns well and truly paid or caused to be paid unto Thomas Hamilton  
one of the younger sons of the said William Hamilton of Chilson in the said  
County of Kent Esquire (my said Wifes Brother in Law) To and for his proper  
use and behoofe, for and during his naturall life; the said Annuity of twenty  
pounds, to be paid him Quarterly, and the first payment to be made on the first

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of the aforesaid four usuall feast days that shall come and happen next after the day of the decease of my said brother Cheney Coloppor: And in case the said Thomas Hamilton shall (after the decease of my said brother Cheney Coloppor as aforesaid) also survive my said Dear Wife, I doe further Will, direct, appoint and Devise, that from and after the day of the decease of my said Dear Wife, the further yearly Summe, or Annuity of twenty pounds (making together with the yearly Summe, or Annuity of twenty pounds here before mentioned the yearly Summe of forty pounds) shall be, and be, by the Heires, Executors, and Administrators and Assignes of my said Dear Wife, well and truly paid, or tendered to be paid unto the said Thomas Hamilton To and for his proper use and behoofe, for and during his naturall life, to be paid to him quarterly, and at the aforesaid four usuall feast days in the same manner as the yearly Summe or Annuity of twenty pounds before mentioned and Devised is directed to be paid. Also whereas the said William Coloppor (my brother in Law) being indebted to me in the Summe of six hundred pounds principall monneys, has by an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1709, given me his security upon and out of certain severall Houses, Messuages, Tenements and buildings with their appurtenances situate and being in Long Alley near Moore-fields in the parish of St Edwards Shoreditch in the County of middessex and in the said Indenture particularly mentioned and expressed, as relation to the same being had it may more fully appear: And whereas by and upon my intermarriage with my said Dear Wife (had and solemnized on or about the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1707) I became and am now Intitled to the Summe of three hundred and seventy eight pounds xx principall monneys being part of the portion I had by my said wife) which said Summe having been by her lent and paid unto her brother Thomas Coloppor of the middle Temple London Esquire since deceased, was by his Bond bearing date on or about the 3<sup>d</sup> day of February Anno Domini 1701 secured to my said Dear Wife her Executors Administrators and Assignes as by the said Bond or Obligation, relation being thereunto had, it may more fully appear for the Recovery of which said principall Summe of 378<sup>l</sup> with the arrears of Interest since incurred, my said Dear Wife has, since the decease of her said brother Thomas Coloppor, been obliged (jointly with the said William Hamilton her brother in Law) to commence a process and suite in Law now depending in the Court of

Now, as I doe hereby make constitute and ordain my said Dear Wife Frances Lady Coloppor the sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament (desiring her to see the same punctually performed) doe for enabling her more readily to discharge and pay all such Debts, as I shall and may owe, and as may be due at the time of my decease, aswell as the Legacies, after mentioned and bequeathred, and to discharge also the expences of my funeral (which I desire may not exceed the Summe of fifty pounds) I doe by these presents (in performance also of the promise I made to my said Dear Wife before our intermarriage) freely give, grant, bequeath Devise and assign unto my said Dear Wife Frances both the before mentioned principall Summes of six hundred pounds and of three hundred seventy and eight pounds, by the aforesaid Deed of mortgage and Bond secured as aforesaid, with all the arrears of Interest which shall or may at the time of my decease be in arrears and due to me by the said William Coloppor his Heires Executors or Assignes in respect of the said Deed of mortgage or the said principall Summes, and all my Right Claims and Interest in and to the same, and in aid to the aforesaid

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Indenture of Mortgage, and to the said Bond respectively Charged and  
also subject nevertheless with and to the payment of all my just Debts,  
Expenses and the Expenses of my funeral as aforesaid, and also subject  
to and under the proviso, Condition, and Trust herein after named and  
expressed, viz: I do hereby will, direct and appoint, that from and after  
the day of my decease, the further yearly Sum or Annuity of ten pounds  
shall be by my said Wife, her Executors Administrators and Assignes well  
and truly paid or caused to be paid to my said Brother Cheney Colopow  
Co and for his proper use and behoofe for and during his natural life,  
the said annuity to be paid him half yearly out of the Interest and  
Profits to be from time to time received and made by and out of the  
aforesaid Summs of six hundred pounds, and of Three hundred seventy  
and Eight pounds, the first payment thereof to be made six months  
after the day of my decease. Also whereas by and upon my Intermarriage  
with my said Dear Wife, I am intitled to the Sum of One hundred  
pounds (as being part of the portion I had with her) which the said  
William Hamilton, her Brother in Law, borrowed of my said Wife in or  
about 1703, and for the Repayment of which said Sum with Interest  
he gave her his Bond bearing date on or about the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December  
1703. And whereas Mr Pleasant Cuspo of London Broker is indebted to me  
in the Sum of Three hundred pounds, which he received for me and for my  
use, by the sale of nine parts commonly called Shares, of and in the Stock  
I then had and was possessed of in the New East India Company, and for  
the payment of which said Sum with Interest the said Mr Cuspo gave  
me his Bond bearing date on or about the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1703. And of  
which Sum I have as yet received in part of payment only the Sum of  
fifty five pounds. Now I do further give and Devise unto my said Wife  
(and sole Executrix) the two aforesaid Summs of One hundred and of  
Three hundred pounds with all the Interest and arrears of Interest that  
shall or may be due for the said Summs respectively at the day of my  
decease; and all the Right, Tytes and Interest which I then shall or may  
have in and to the aforesaid Summs of 100<sup>l</sup> and of 300<sup>l</sup> and in and to the  
before mentioned Bonds or Obligations touching the same. And I do hereby  
will and subject the two aforesaid Summs of 100<sup>l</sup> and of 300<sup>l</sup> (aswell as the  
two other before mentioned principall Summs of six hundred pounds and of  
Three hundred seventy and Eight pounds as aforesaid) to the payment  
of all my Debts (which I desire my said Dear Wife and sole Executrix of  
this my last Will and Testament will see paid or cause to be paid within  
twelve months after my decease) more particularly to the payment of the  
Sum of fifty pounds which I am indebted to my said Brother Cheney  
Colopow, and for which he has either my Bond or a Writing under my hand  
for the payment of it with Interest: and also to the payment of one or  
further Sum of fifty pounds, which I do hereby further Devise and  
bequeath unto my said Brother Cheney Colopow (both which said Summs  
make up together the Sum of One hundred pounds) with Interest for the  
same to be paid unto him within six months after my decease, if soe required  
I do also hereby subject all the four last before mentioned Summs of six  
hundred pounds, three hundred seventy and Eight pounds, one hundred pounds and  
Three hundred pounds to the payment of the Sum of One hundred principall  
with Interest, which I am indebted to Mr William Weaver of Maidstone and  
for which he hath my Bond or obligation bearing date on or about the 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of June 1705. Item I do give and bequeath unto my said Brother

100 pounds

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Cheney Colopowor my parliament Robes, aswell the Ordinary Robes, as  
 the Coronation Robes, as also my Silver watch which I daily make use of,  
 and one of the two Saddle-horses I have at this present, which he shall  
 best like of: And I also will and Desire, that my said brother Cheney  
 Colopowor may have the use of my Library and Books that are now at  
 Stood-hill in Case (and so long as) he shall be willing to live and reside with  
 my said Dear Wife. Item I doe hereby give and Devise unto my Godson John  
 Hamilton Eldest son of the said William Hamilton of Chilson Esq, the summe  
 of twenty pounds (over and above the summe of ten pounds for Mourning)  
 which I desire he will accept of) as a particular Marke of my affection.  
 Item I doe hereby Give and bequath unto Mr George Jackson late one of  
 the servants to my sister Elizabeth Hamilton deceased, the summe of ten  
 pounds, as also the like summe of ten pounds to Mr Charles Crubin, who was  
 my servant for about fifteen years. All the rest of my Estate (both Real  
 and personall) and all my Stock Money's plate and other Goods and Chattells  
 whatsoever at Stood-hill or elsewhere, not otherwise by me disposed of  
 in my life time; as likewise all the Right, Title, Interest and Claim in  
 Law or Equity which I now have, or at any time hereafter may have to  
 what was settled upon me, or given by my Father John Lord Colopowor in  
 his life time, or was given and bequathed unto me by his last will and  
 Testament bearing date on or about the 3<sup>d</sup> day of July 1660, or to any part  
 of it, which is not yet performed or satisfied: And also all the Right Interest  
 and Claims which I now have or may hereafter have to what upon and  
 after severall Decrees in the said High Court of Chancery has been  
 Decreed on my behalf by and pursuant to the before mentioned Decrees  
 made on or about the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 1700, and on or about the 4<sup>th</sup> of March  
 1703, and by other subsequent Decree's Orders and proceedings in that Court  
 in respect to any of my Claims and demands and for which I have as yet  
 had no satisfaction; particularly all my Right, Claim and Interest to and in  
 the summe of two hundred  
 Pounds Charged  
 upon the personall Estate of the said Thomas late Lord Colopowor (and due  
 to me) (by and pursuant to the Report made by the said William Rogers Esq  
 one of the Masters of the said Court of Chancery, bearing date on or about  
 the  
 and confirmed by the said Court) in  
 satisfaction of part of my Claims and Demands mentioned in the Bill  
 which I exhibited into the said Court of Chancery in or about 1698; No  
 part of which last mentioned summe has been yet paid or satisfied, I doe  
 by these presents freely and absolutely Give, Bequath assigne and Devise  
 unto my said Dear Wife (the sole executrix of this my last will and  
 Testament) her Executors administrators and Assignes, after my Debts, Legacies  
 and sumerall Expences are paid and discharged, as aforesaid. Item I Desire  
 that my Lady Alitia Colopowor (my Wifes Mother) my sister Philippa  
 Colopowor and my brother Cheney Colopowor will accept of Mourning to be  
 given to each of them in such manner as my said Dear Wife shall judge  
 proper. Lastly I doe hereby solemnly constitute and Declare this to be my  
 last will and Testament, the same containing six sheets of paper all of  
 my own hand writing, and each sheet being subscribed with my name at  
 the bottome of it: And as I have revoked and doe hereby revoke all  
 former Wills, Testaments, and Codicills whatsoever, so my Will and Mind is  
 also that any future Codicill, under my hand and seale in due forme of  
 Law shall be part of this my last will and Testament. In witness  
 whereof I the said John Lord Colopowor after a full and serious Consideration

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words have hereto set my hand and seal the Twelfth day of August  
in the Ninth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne, and in  
the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ten: Colepeper. Signed  
sealed published and declared by the said John Lord Colepeper to be his last  
Will and Testament in the presence of us, who have attested the same  
as witnesses in the presence of the said Testator, who saw us subscribe  
our names as witnesses. Elizabeth Munn Bowyer. Hendley. William Hendley.

**Whereas** I John Lord Colepeper Baron of Thoresway in  
the County of Lincoln have before this day made my last Will and Testament  
in Writing bearing date on or about the Twelfth day of August in the  
year of our Lord 1710 and thereto constituted and appointed my dear wife  
Frances Lady Colepeper sole executrix and whereas I have lately purchased  
of Christopher Clapham of Dorton Kirby in the County of Kent Esquire the House  
in which I now live at Spellingbourne commonly called and known by the  
name of Brickhouse or Stone Steps together with divers Lands Grounds and  
Appurtenances thereto belonging and situate lying and being in or near  
the said parish of Spellingbourne in the said County of Kent containing in  
the whole by estimation One hundred and twenty acres more or less.  
Now I do make this present Writing as a Codicill to my aforesaid last  
Will and Testament my Will and mind being that the same be annexed  
to and taken as part thereof and I do hereby ratify and confirm in all  
points and in as full and ample manner as I may or can my said last  
Will and Testament and every part thereof and I do further by this  
present Writing freely give Bequeath and Devise the afove mentioned  
House called Brickhouse or Stone Steps and all Buildings whatsoever  
erected and which shall be erected thereupon and the said purchased  
Lands Appurtenances and promises with all and every the advantages and  
appurtenances to the said House and promises and every or any part  
thereof belonging unto my said Dear wife Frances Lady Colepeper and  
her Heirs for ever to her and their own sole use and benefit and to and  
for no other use intent or purpose whatsoever, Charged nevertheless with  
the two mortgages viz. One for Nine hundred pounds, and the other for  
Two hundred pounds mentioned in the Deed of purchase of the said  
Mansion House of Brickhouse or Stone Steps Dated the Seventeenth of  
February 1713. and made between the aforesaid Christopher Clapham of  
the one part and me the said John Lord Colepeper of the other part  
with the said Eleven hundred pounds or so much thereof as shall be  
remaining and with Interest at the time of my decease my Will is shall  
be paid by my said Dear wife to Roger Jaddy of the parish of St John  
Baptist in the Isle of Thanet in the County of Kent Yeoman and to  
Margaret Tomlyn of the said parish Widow or to such other person or  
persons as shall be intitled to receive the same In witness whereof I  
have to this my Codicill (which I hereby declare to be part of my aforesaid  
last Will and Testament) set my hand and seal this second day of February  
in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fourteen. Colepeper.  
Signed sealed published and declared as a Codicill aforesaid by the said John  
Lord Colepeper in the presence of us who at his Desire have attested the  
same as witnesses in the presence of the said John Lord Colepeper the  
words (and all Buildings whatsoever erected and which shall be erected  
thereupon) between the Twelfth and Thirteenth lines being first or

Interlined - Nicho Toke W<sup>m</sup> Kingsford Peter Gaubert.

# Probatum

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fuit huiusmodi testamentum apud Londoniam  
fuit Codicillo anno 2o secundo die mensis Novembris Anno Domini Millesimo  
Septingentesimo primo nono Coram venerabili viro Edwardo Kinaston Legum  
Doctore surrogato venerabilis et egregij viri Johannis Botesworth Legum  
Doctorem Curie Prærogative Cantuariensis Magistri Custodis sive Commissarij  
legitimi constituti Juramento præstatione Felicia Francista Domina  
Baronessa Dotissa Coloppor Relicta dicti defuncti et exhereditis in dicto testamento  
nominal Cui commissa fuit administratio omnium et singulorum bonorum  
immunium et reddituum dicti defuncti De bono et fideliter administrando eadem  
ad sancta Dei Evangelia Juravit

## In the Name of God Amen

Thomas Chester of Whitbury in the County of Wiltes Gent Do hereby  
Revoke and make void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made  
and do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner  
and forme following (that is to say) First I desire to be decently interred  
without any pomp or show at the discretion of my Trustees or Executors  
herein after named Item I will and appoint that all my just Debts  
whiche I shall owe at the time of my decease and my Honourall Charges  
shall be paid and satisfied out of my personall Estate And whereas I am  
Indebted to the Benefitt use or Equitable Trust of a Mortgage or Mortgages  
made by Robert Cranston of Certain Copyhold Messuages and Lands  
of the Mannor of Bishops Sutton in the County of Southampton the Equity  
of Redemption wherof is by the Decree of the High Court of Chancery  
to be foreclosed unless the same be Redeemed by a certain time I do hereby  
Give Devise and Bequeath all my said Copyhold Messuages Lands Tenements  
and Hereditaments and all summe and Summes of money due thereupon  
And also all such Equitable Right Interest use Clayme and Demand that  
I have therein or thereto to my loving friends Henry Eyre of Grays Inn  
Thomas Barnage of Redyon Square in the County of Middlesex Esquires and  
William Shinnell of Thornton in the County of Essex Gentleman and Benjamin  
Pyno of London Goldsmith and their Heires Executors and Administrators  
Upon speciall Trust and Confidence by me in them reposed and herein after  
mentioned (that is to say) Upon Trust in the first place that they the  
Survivors or Survivor of them do and shall raise and pay or apply therout  
the summe of Eighty pounds apiece as portions to each and every of the  
Children Sons and Daughters of my brother John Chester that now are  
living or shall be living at the time of my decease respectively at their  
severall and respective ages of Twenty one years or days of marriage  
whiche of them shall first happen and in the meane time and untill  
the said severall portions of Eighty pounds apiece shall be come  
respectively due and payable to my said Brothers Children as aforesaid  
my Will is and I do most and appoint my Trustees herein named to  
relate or cause the same to be pleased out at Interest and to pay the said  
Interest to them respectively and for their Benefitts respectively and for  
their respective maintenances and Education And also that my said Trustees  
shall therout pay my wife Mary Dolmes Spinster Daughter of Michael

Thomas Chester

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