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In the name of God Amen

I **WILLIAM BRYANT** of Edgecombe County and province aforesaid Merchant being of good health and sound mind and memory to make this my last will and testament in manner following the viz.

IMPRIMIS I leave my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named.

ITEM my desire is that all my just debts shall be paid as soon as my debts can be got in and all my goods to be vendue'd and sold at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named; and about thirty head of cattle and five head of horses and mares; likewise at the discretion of my executors that my will is that my wife have the use and occupation of the house and Plantation I now live on together with all outhouses, gardens or other appurtenances thereunto belonging during her natural life, with one feather bed and furniture, one horse and saddle, one negro girl named AFORIA and twelve cows and calves and my desire is that my loving wife bring up my children at her discretion and my executors.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **SAMUEL**, after my wife's decease, that house and plantation I now live on with all the appurtenances therein to belonging.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **BENJAMIN** my Plantation at Little River and stock cattle thereon.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **WILLIAM** my Plantation on Buffalo Creek, Johnston County, with five cows and calves.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **PATTY** a negro woman named DOLL with one feather bed and furniture, four dishes, four basins, dozen plates, one horse and saddle.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **NANNY** one negro boy named TOM, one feather bed and furniture, four dishes, four basins, dozen plates, one horse and one saddle.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto **JOHN HAILE [HILL]** for his Faithfully discharge of business the sum of twenty pounds current money, and that all my hogs, horses, cattle, sheep, geese & c. be sold and the money arising be put to the use of bringing up my children which I desire may be at the discretion of my loving wife and executors.

LASTLY I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my loving friend **WILLIAM LANE** executor of this my last will and testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of May 1762

WILLIAM BRYANT {seal}

In presence of

ALEXANDER BRODIE

NEWIT LANE

EDWARD LANE

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James Hall, clerk of court

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George III the king of Great Britain to the sheriff of Granville County greeting we command you take the body of **JOSEPH MASSEY** late of Granville County laborer if he be found in your bailiwick and him safely keep so that you have him before the justices of our superior court of pleas and Quarter Sessions as the next court to be held for the county at the courthouse on the second Tuesday in November next then and there to answer **WILLIAM LANE** executor of the last will and testament of **WILLIAM BRYANT** late deceased of a plea of trespass on the case damage 10 pounds parliamentary money and have been there how he witness **DANIEL WELDON** Clerk of Court the 11th day of August ad 1763 in the third year of our king signed

B BAKER attorney
DANIEL J WELDON Clerk of Court

To the Worshipful court of Granville County the petition of **WILLIAM LANE** executor of **WILLIAM BRYANT** deceased humbly show it that **WILLIAM WALKER** justly indebted unto him and two pounds three shillings proclamation money and refuse payment therefore executor prays judgment against him for the same with cash and ever.

B BAKER attorney

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George the third the King of Great Britain to the sheriff of Granville County greeting we command you to cause to be summoned **WILLIAM WALKER** to appear before the justices of our inferior court of pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held at the courthouse of the said county on the second Tuesday in August and then and there to answer the petition of **WILLIAM LANE** executor of the late executor of the will and testament of **WILLIAM BRYANT** late deceased entered against him for the sum of two pounds three shillings proclamation money.

witness **DANIEL WELDON** clerk of our said court the 10th day of May A.D. 1763 in the third year of our reign.

B BAKER attorney
DANIEL WELDON Clerk of Court

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George the third crowned King of Great Britain to the sheriff of Granville County greeting we command you take the body of **JOAB MITCHELL** late of Granville County in the province above said laborer if it be found in your bailiwick and him safe keep so that you have him before the justices of our inferior court of pleas and Quarter Sessions at the next court to be held for said County at the courthouse on the second Tuesday in November next have there to answer **WILLIAM LANE** executor of last will and testament of **WILLIAM BRYANT** deceased of a plea of trespass on the case damage 15 pounds proclamation money and have there then this writ.

witness **DANIEL WELDON** Clerk of our said court the 12th day of August ad 1763 and in the third year of our reign

B BAKER attorney
DANIEL J WELDON Clerk of Court

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George the third crowned King of Great Britain to the sheriff of the county of Halifax greetings we command you that of the goods and chattels of **WILLIAM BRYANT** in hand of **WILLIAM LANE** if to be found in your bailiwick you cause to be made the sum of two pounds eight shillings and eight pence so that you have it before our justice at the next court to be held for the county of Granville at Oxford on the first Tuesday of November next to satisfy the clerk's office the fees in the suit brought by the said executor against **JOSEPH MASSEY** and have you show then there this writ

Witness **SAMUEL BENTON** clerk of our said court the 5th day of August AD 1766 and in the sixth year of our reign.

SAMUEL BENTON Clerk of Court

I promise to pay unto **WILLIAM LANE** executor of the estate of late **WILLIAM BRYANT** deceased the sum of 10 pounds 15 shillings four pence proclamation money or in lieu thereof 8 pounds 1 shilling six pence Virginia money with lawful interest and from the date of these presents will be paid the same being due for value received as witness my hand this 9th day of February 1763

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JOAB MITCHELL
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Granville County state court George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain
France and Ireland King defender of the faith and so on to the sheriff of the
County of Granville greeting we command you to summon or cause to be summoned
WILLIAM WALKER late of this county laborer personally to be and appear before the
justices of our inferior court of pleas and Quarter Sessions at the next court to
be held at preferred on the first Tuesday in August next then and there to answer
the petition of **BRYANT'S** estate exhibited against him herein fail not and make to
return here of witness **SAMUEL BENTON** clerk of our said court the 11th day of May
in the sixth year of our reign Anno Domini 1765
SAMUEL BENTON Clerk of Court

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Granville County George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the faith and so on to the sheriff of the County of Granville greeting we command you to summon or cause to be summoned **WILLIAM WALKER** laborer personally to be and appear before the justices of our inferior court of pleas and Quarter Sessions at the next court to be held at Oxford in the first Tuesday in August next and then and there to answer the petition of **WILLIAM BRYANT'S** estate exhibited against him herein fail not and make the return there of witness **SAMUEL BENTON** clerk of our said court the 11th day of May in the 9th year of reign Anno Domini 1765 **SAMUEL BENTON** Clerk of Court To the Worshipful the inferior court of pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county of Granville the petition of **WILLIAM BRYANT'S** executor humble a show of that **WILLIAM WALKER** late of this county laborer is indebted to him in the sum of 2 pounds 3 shillings by proclamation money and delay payment therefore your petitioner prays judgment against him for the same with costs and so forth

BLAKE BAKER attorney

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George the third King of Great Britain to the sheriff of Granville County greetings we command you that you summon or cause to be summoned **AMBROSE CRANE** if to be found in your bailiwick to appear before the justices of our inferior court of pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held at the courthouse of the said county on the second Tuesday in August next then and there to answer the petition of **WILLIAM LANE** executor of the late **WILLIAM BRYANT** deceased and answer the plea against them for the sum of 3 pounds 13 shillings and four pence proclamation money due by note.

witness **DANIEL WELDON** clerk of our said court the 11th day of May ad 1763 in the third year of our reign

B BAKER attorney
DANIEL WELDON Clerk of Court

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George the third King of Great Britain to the sheriff of Granville County
greetings we command you and another there cause you to take the body of **JOSEPH
MASSEY** late of said county laborer if he be found in your bailiwick and him safely
keep so that you have him before the justices of our inferior court of pleas and
Quarter Sessions at the next court to be held for the county at the courthouse on
the second Tuesday in February next then and there to answer the executor of
WILLIAM BRYANT deceased of a plea of trespass on the case damage four pounds
received and have their when then this writ

witness **DANIEL WELDON** clerk of our court 8th November ad 1763 in the third year of
our reign

DANIEL WELDON

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Granville County Superior Court state court George the third King of Great Britain to the sheriff of our said county greeting in the suit brought by **WILLIAM BRYANT'S** executor against **JOSEPH MASSEY** for 10 pounds proclamation damage the sheriff having made returned that the defendant is not to be found hot and the plaintiff motion and attachment is granted him against the defendant for the ten pounds and cost of suit returnable to the next court we therefore command you that you attached so much of the goods and chattels of the said **JOSEPH MASSEY** if to be found in your bailiwick as will satisfy the said damages and cost aforesaid of suit and the same in your safe custody keep repleviabale on security given so as to compel him to appear at the next court to be held for the said county on the first Tuesday in August next there and then to answer the said plea of the said **WILLIAM BRYANT'S** executor and have there and then this rip witness **SAMUEL BENTON** clerk of said court the 11th day of May ad 1765 in the fifth year of our reign

SAMUEL BENTON Clerk of Court