

Will, NC, Northampton, John M. Bryan 1791

State of North Carolina  
Northampton County

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we **SUGARS FOORT, JOHN JOSEY & JOHN KNOX** are held and firmly bound unto his excellency **ALEXANDER MARTIN**, Esq., Captain General and Commander in chief in and over the said state, in the sum of two thousand pounds current money: to be paid to said Governor, his successors or assigns. To the which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, the [torn] June Anno Domini 1791.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden **SUGARS FOORT** administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of **JOHN BRYAN** deceased, do make, or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the deceased, which have or shall come to the hands, knowledge or possession, of the said Sugars Foort or into the hands or possession of any person, or persons, for him and the same so made, do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited to the Court of the county aforesaid within ninety days from the date of theses presents; and the same goods, chattels and credits, and all the other goods, chattels, and credits of the deceased, at the time of his death, which at any time hereafter, shall come into the hands or possession of the said **SUGARS FOORT** or into the hands or possession of any person or persons for him do well and truly administer according to law; and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of his said administration within 12 months after the date of these presents and all the rest and residue of said goods, chattels and credits, which shall be found remaining upon the said administrator account, the same being first examined and allowed by the court of the said county, shall deliver and pay unto such person, or persons, respectively, to which the same shall be due, pursuant to the true intent and meaning of the act in that case made and provided: and if it shall appear that any will or testament was made by the said deceased, and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same into court, making request to have the same allowed and approved of accordingly; if the said Sugar Foort above bounden being thereunto required to render the said letters of administration (approbation of such Testament being first had and made into said Court) then this obligation to be void and of no effect otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

**SUGARS FOORT**  
**JOHN KNOX**  
**JOHN JOSEY**

Signed and sealed in presence of

"Rdff Bxear"

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In the name of God Amen.

I **JOHN BRYAN**, being sick & weak of body, but thanks be to God of sound mind, calling to mind the mortality of the body, am writing to make my last will and testament as follows, that is to say, all my just debts & funeral charges first paid.

I give, devise & bequeath my worldly goods in manner following.

IMPRIMIS I lend to my loving sister **CHARLOTTE [BRYAN] FORT** the land and plantation whereon I now live during her natural life and if she should have a male heir, lawful of her body, I give, devise & bequeath the said land and plantation, after her death, to him, his heirs or assigns forever, but if not, then in like manner I give, devise and bequeath the said land & plantation to my loving cousin **ANDREW BRYAN**, to him, his heirs or assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my loving sister **CHARLOTTE FORT [FOORT]** all my negro slaves and all the remainder of my estate, of what kind soever, not before given away, to her & heirs forever.

LASTLY I do hereby nominate, constitute & appoint **JOHN KNOX** whole & sole executor of this my last will & testament, revoking, disallowing & making void all other & former wills by me heretofore made. I acknowledge this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, Anno Domini 1791.

**JOHN M. BRYAN** {seal}

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by the testator to be his last will and testament in presents of.

**SHUGARS** [Sugars] **FOORT**  
**WILLIAM MIDCALF** [Medcalf] {his + mark}  
**JOHN KNOX**

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**JOHN M. BRYAN**

Will

June 9<sup>th</sup>

Recorded June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1791

By **E. HAYNES**, Clerk

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