

exequatur in hunc modi testamento nomine. Omni commissa fuit administratio omnium et singularium bonorum suorum et predictorum dicti defuncti de bene et fidei administrando eadem dicit sancta dei Evangelia ex in debita forma iurata. Edic.

Mon the name of God amen. The fourteene daye of Marche or
therabout in the yere of our Lord god one thousande six hundred and seuen James Bigge
of Bledlowe in the countie of Buryngham yoman beinge sute of bodye but of god & perfect
memorie did make his last will and testament interimpative by wordes of mouthe in manner &
forme followinge or to the like effect vix. Firste I commande my soule into the handes of all
mighty god and my bodye to be buried in the parisse chyrchydore of Bledlowe aforesaid &
desir counteringe my worldly godes I will and bequeath unto my daughter margaret
widow of god and lawfull money of England to be payde unto her at any tyme
before my come and heire shall attcomplishe the age of one and twentie yeare. Item my will
is my wif Johane shall have the use and benefite of all my tassels or tasse land duringe her
natuarall lyfe And then I give the said tassels and remaund of the same after her deces
answering to my heire. And also my will is that she my said wif shall have the use of all
the rest meaninge my shal land and copyhold whiche my sonne John tenuit to tyme of one &
twentie yeare. Item I will my wif Johane to paye my legacies and debts and to be executrice
of this my last will and testament in the present of William Stephen Richard Wimborow

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Bigge

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Probatum fuit Testamentum superscript

Probatum fuit in London coram reveribili viro domino Johanne Venet milite legum Doctoro Gervasio
Microgratius et aliis magistris consueto per Commisario etiam constituto notario dicto mensio ex
summi etmodi nulliusmo secretissimo notario sacramenta Johanne Bigge feliciter dicti defuncti et
executaria in hunc modi testamento nomine. Omni commissa fuit administratio omnium et singularium
bonorum suorum et predictorum dicti defuncti de bene et fidei administrando eadem dicit sancta
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Mon the name of God amen. The thre and fourtie daye of a
februario anno domini mcccccccviij thousande six hundred and seaven Elizabeth Bellye of Mure
Dayton in the countie of Hant Gentlewoman and wif unto M^r John Bellye of Mure &
Dayton aforesaid Doctor of the lawe beinge weak and sute in bodye and yett of perfect mynde
monerit deo willinglie and wile a free hart to render againe into the handes of my lord god &
savior my spirit to be of his fayre lie godes gare unto me when he fashioned me
firste in my matere womb makinge me a livinge and a reasonable creature nothinge &
doubtinge butt of his infinite mercies set forthe in the pretious bloud of his deare liebeling
Iome Christe our only saviour and redeemer he will retrete my soule into his glorie
and place it in the companye of the saynble Angels and blessed Saints. And as to my
bodye I commande it to be entertayned if it come to be buried in decent maner wiche
it shall seeme best to my executors notwithstandinge butt accordinge to the artikele of my fayre
at the great daye of generall resurrection to rise agayne unto eternall glorie. And alse doo
by this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. Firste I will geve and a
bequeath unto Cymber Bellye gent the wif of Thomas Bellye Esquire my sonne to
longe needleworke Quission hatte Bridgitt my servante is nowe in peyngage. Item I give
unto her sayde Cymber Bellye my Duffe Daffaie gowne and my twoe velvete byrdes wiche
are at Wudgen and a peice of cloth wiche is at Wudgen of my husband dofer not wiche
Item I will that my daughter Bellye shall have the thoynt of one of my three silke cloates &
Item three hoodes and twoe nighte tayles. Item I geve and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth
Adayne the wif of Robert Adayne gent a fasse gynt bellde and a silver Annis. Item I geve
bequeath unto my daughter Amye d'eton the wif of Eton gent my Chayne of
goude and dotharge my sonne Thomas Bellye my Executour upon my blessinge that he &
deliver sy

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deliver my said Dame unto her because I promised it her Item I give unto my daughter Jane
 Carter the wife of Thomas Carter gent my sille Georgaine Bowes and my sonne Charles pectoral
 Item I gave to my daughter Elizabeth Dame my ffreind Charles pectoral a longe Alastore of
 Charles downe to the feste of my newe Master hathe Item I gave and bequeath unto Judith or
 Ballye Susanne Ballye and Marye Ballye my daughters to each of hem by reason of a
 Twentys poundes a pece of landfule englishe monoy to be payde unto them severallie ouer of his goods
 and plase wch is at Bugden not of his morte nor of his best Item I give to her said Judith or
 my daughter one Obligation of Thretye poundes wch Robert Abage owch me dide I gave unto
 her twote poens of Needwtre for a Chaire and her yellowe Engge and her healeyn bede wch
 the ffurniture hemonys beloninges wch is at Bugden Item I gave unto her said Judith or
 second best Diaper Tabletoche by syde saddle seat was my moestre & all her ffurniture by
 white Chare at Bugden and my greate ryde rassest wher my Symon lieth Item I gave unto
 Marie Ballye a Needwtre Chamission and my sond Willion and my Damente here at Paxton
 that my sydes dales in and my Sypes Chare And to Lurian Ballye a Needwtre quisshe
 and the best Willion wch easeth wch a little lyte and one of my Crimble at Bugden Item I
 gave unto Marie Ballye and Lurian Ballye my daughters all the money in the owne kind
 and nature wch I have in her certe easeth here at Mure Paxton Item I do give and haue
 presentlie delivered unto Judith Ballye my daughter my best Armes and Twentys poundes a
 monoy in the same and my greate desse in her Chare here at Paxton And my litle rassest
 wch all her Crimble in it wch is at Bugden Item my will and my mynde is that all my vntal
 ches Apparell and Symon whatsoeuer bequeathed shall equallie deuided amouest my
 daughters Elizabeth Dame Jane Carter Judith Ballye Susanne Ballye and Marye Ballye
 And further I will that all these Segarites and portions wch I haue given to Susanne Ballye
 and Marye Ballye shall bepayd unto hem al their severall ages of one and twentys yeare or at
 their severall daies of mariage wch shall first happen Item I give and bequeath unto
 Elizabeth Ballye and Marye Ballye the daughters of my sonne Thomas Ballye & cme
 poundes a pece wher they shall come to their severall ages of one and twentys yeare or at
 their severall daies of mariage wch shall first happen And if it shall happen any of my
 three daughters Susanne and Marye to depart this world before they haue accomplished
 their full severall ages of one and twentys yeare or before their severall daies of mariage
 wch shall first happen Then my will and mynde is that her parte and portion so diente shall
 remayne to be equallie deuided betwene these two of my daughters Judith Susanne or
 Marye Item I give and bequeath unto my sonne Tyler the sonne of George Tyler of
 Bugden half of the fyne Symon in a Bed at Bugden that was my moestre and his dede
 half to be equallie deuided betwene my daughter Marye Judith Susanne and Marye
 Ballye Item I give to my sonne John Ballye my sonne during his life and
 tyll my de morte at Bugden and from nighte tailes Item I give to my ouer
 Exemitor al myt ffornicall skillings wch I haue left wch Judith my daughter Item I
 my request and will is that it woulde please my husband and my sonne Thomas to a
 surrendre and geve upp that my Cottage wch her apperteynes wch I haue at Bugden and
 wherein I nowe dwelle to John Ballye my sonne and to his heires ffor the rest of my good
 notable ab sommowable Chaffells as well rassest as personall decesses ffurnit and tems
 of yeare wch I haue given my selfe or otherwise and all my Landes & tenementys
 and hereditamentys both free and copye unbookeled and not given by heire my last will
 and testament in consideracion and for her ffreind and into performaunce of this my said will
 and testament and payngg her my Segarites debts and ffornicall charges I give and
 bequeath unto Thomas Ballye my sonne whome I make my sole Exemitor of this my last
 will and testament And I moste hartlie desire my god husbands as it hathe pleased hym
 to give me leave to make this will and testament so likelwise to confirme her same under
 his handwrittinges and to calle upon my Exemitor faithfullie to exerte hym my said will
 and testament as my truste is in hym In witness whereof I haue here setto my hande & seale
 the date and yearre firste above written in the presc of Judith Ballye & Willm Longe No. pub.
 John Ballye. Elizabeth Ballye.

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Probatum fuit Testamentum super

apud London pacam sententiale vice magno Willmo Ayed legum doctoro. Anno
precordatio sancti magno Gustavo anno Commissario etiam consituto pectus die monssum
Anno und millesimo sexcentesimo octavo Iuramento Thome Belli filii uirilis et clavis x
dicti defuncti et successoris in huncmodi testamento nomine Omni forma fuit admittitur
omnium et singulorum bonorum suorum et reddituum eiusdem defuncti de bene et fidei admittitur
eadem dicta sancta dei Evangelia ex iuris / cap.

In the name of God amen. The twentyneth daye of februario
in the yere of our Lord god one thousand five hundred and fiftie & Dame Jane deuerting
of Merriwald in the County of Warwiche the unprofitable seruante of god weake in
body but stronge in mynde doe ordene make and declare this my present testament con-
cerninge my last will whereto hereto publicke declare and sett forth in manner and forme
follovinge. Firste I do willinglie and wile a free herte render and give againe into
the handes of my Lorde god and Creatore my Escripte whereto his fayrelye goodnes
gave unto me when he firste fashioned me in my motheres womb me alwinge
and a reasonable creature nothinge doubtinge but trust for his infinite mercies sette
further in the pretious bloud of his dearelie beloued sonne Ihesus Christe my Saviores
and redeemer he will receyve my soule into his glorie and place it in the companye of
the heauenly Angels and blessed Saincts. And as to mynngage my bode even in
goodwill and free herte I gave it over contynunge it to my Carter sherooff of Lancastrie
thinge doubtinge but attydinge to the artyle of my fafe at the grete daye of the
generall Resurrection when ther shall appear before the iudgement stede of Christe he
shall receyve the same againe by the myghtie power of god wherby he is able to subdue
all thinge unto himselfe not a corruptible mortall weake and vyle bodye (as it is nowe)
but an incorruptible mortall stronge and perfect bodye in all points like unto the glori-
ous bodye of my Lorde and Saviores Ihesus Christe. And for my bientall my mynde
will is that it maye be performed in these sorte as Christian duchie shall require And as
concerninge my order and disposition of all my worldlye substance goods and Cattell
whereto it hathe pleased all myghtie god of his greate mercies and goodness to bestowe upon me
in this temporall worlde I do give and bequeath the same in manner and forme follovinge
(that is to say) firste I give and bequeath to the righte honoable Robert Earle of Essex my
best knellinge wile I halfe Countee and possessed of the dale of my reall deaue of the said
Earle shall be than livinge. Item my will intent and fronde meynnge is that the said
Wainscott Knellinge Dalle floente and Comte Emporda shall stand still and remayne
in the grete Chamber and in bothe the halls of the said maner house of Merriwald aforesaid
said for so longe as the said Earle shall kepe the same house in his owne occupacion and
not demise yt to any other person or persons. Item I give and bequeath to my wellbeloued
daugher Dame Barbara Hastings videlicet late wife of the Edward Hastings knight
increased Com Lynn and a Bill and sum frore yourt ondes Beasse to be delivered nyn
one yere next after my decessse by myne Exerntor hereafter named Item I give unto
my said daughter Dame Barbara Hastings and Dame Margarett Littleton myne olde
daugher all my plase equallye to be devide betwene them and after their severall decessses
to remayne to their sevral heredes forend. Item I give unto my said daugher all
the Capite parts and Lynnes whiche in myne yron bounde chest standinge in the heire
Chescrye to be equallie devide betwene them within one monte next after my decessse. Item
I give and bequeath to my sayde daughter Dame Barbara Hastings two petherbeds
wile the furnisshinge thereto belouinge And also I bequeath unto the said Dame Bar-
bara my daughter my velvett Coronet whereto be lynginge the dale of my decessse. Item I
give and bequeath unto my sayde daughter Dame Margarett Littleton my velvett
lynn. Item I give and bequeath unto Sir Henric Hastings knight Com portees
of lawfull money of England. Item I bequeath to Walter Hastings gentl brother of

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