

Testament of William Adam
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William Adam CC8/8/112 [p.115] Testament Testamentar William Beveridge Adam 8th August 1748 } The Testament Testamentar and Inventory of the Debts & Sums of money pertaining and addebted to umq[uh]le William Adam Architect in Edin[bu]r[gh] [p.116] Edinr the time of his decease who deceased there upon the Twenty fourth day of June MvijC [one thousand seven hundred] and Forty eight years Given up by himself upon the Sixteenth Nov[emeber] MvijC and Forty five years, In so far as concerns the Nomination of his Exe[cuto]rs & Universall Legator and Faithfully made and given up by John Adam Eldest lawfull son to the Defunct In so far as Concerns the Inventory foresaid of the said Defuncts Debts and Sums of money, whilk John Adam & the heirs male of his Body the said umqle William Adam made Constituted and appointed to be his only Exe[cuto]r and Universal Legatee Intromitters with his whole Goods gear debts Sums of money and moveables of whatsoever Nature, As well Heritable & moveable as personal and Real by his Latter will and Testament as the samen of date the said Sixteenth of Novr MvijC and Forty five Insert & Reg[istra]t in the Comm[issa]ry Court Books of of Edinr upon the Twenty first day of July One thousand seven hundred and Forty eight years In itself at more length Proports In the First the said Umqle William Adam had addebted and resting owing to him the time of his decease fores[ai]d the Debts and Sums of money afterm[entione]d by the Persons following Vi[delice]zt by the Deceast Mr Patrick Adam Merch[an]t in Kingston in Jamaica and miss Peggy Adam [p.117] Adam his Niece or by either of them the Sum of Thirty three pounds nine shillings Sterling money p[er] accmpt of Cash advanced by order of the said Mr Patrick to the said Miss Peggy conform to her receipt Item by the Right Honourable Charles Lord Elphingstone the Sum of Thirty Seven pounds eleven shill[ing]s and four pence money foresaid p[er] acco[mp]t Item by Colonell William Erskine of Forrie the Sum of Fifty seven pounds nine shills and Five pence one half penny money foresd p[er] acco[mp]t Extending the said Debts in hail to the Sum of one hundred and twenty eight pounds nine shillings and nine pence one half penny Sterling and in Scots money to One thousand five hundred and Forty three pounds, Seventeen shilling and six pennies Summa of the Debts Owing to the Dead} jM vC xliij £ib[ra] .. xvij .. vj Follows the Deads Legacie and Latter will I William Adam Architect in Edinr being for the present in Health of Body & mind yet Considering the Certainty of Death & the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being Resolved to Settle my affairs in my own time. Do by these presents Make my Latter will & Testament as followes. That is to Say For the Love favour and affection I have and bear to John Adam my eldest Lawfull Son procreat betwixt me and mary Robertson my Spouse And for diverse other Good Causes and Considerations me moving, I do by these presents Make Constitute and appoint him the said John Adam and the theirs of his [p.118] his Body to be my only Exe[cuto]r and universall Legator Intomitters with my whole goods Gear, Debts Sums of money and moveables of whatsoever Nature, as well Heritable and moveable as personall and Real, wh[ich] does in any way appertain or belong to me or that shall happen to appertain and belong to me at the time of me decease, To whom I leave and Bequeath the same with the Burthen always of the pay[men]t of my Debt and the provisions made by me to Mary Robertson my Spouse and to my nine other Children by two Separat deeds of the same date, and whereas in the Tack of Pinkie Coall Sell by The Marquiss of Tweedale to me and dated the Fourth and

Sixth days of July MvijC and thirty nine years There is Clause declaring That it shall not be in the Power of me the said William Adam to Assign the said Tack to any Person of Persons without the Consent of the said Marquiss and his heirs & c[eter]a be first had and obtained thereto, Except Such Assignment be made me to any of my Sons or amongst them as I shall think fitt, Therefore for the Causes above mentioned I hereby Assign and Transfer the said Tack of Pinkie Coal, as as well as every other Tack of any Nature or kind in my Name or in which I have any concern with all that had followed or that may follow thereon to the said John Adam my Eldest Lawfull Son, with and under the Reservations therein mentioned, Reserving always full power and Liberty to me at any time of my Life, and even in the article [p.119] article of Death to revoke alter or annull these presents in whole or in part at my pleasure and I dispense with the not delivery hereof, and declare that these presents albeit lying by me or wherever the same shall be found at my death shall be as valid and Effectual in all respects as if delivered by me at the executing hereof. And I Consent to the Registration hereof in the Books of Council and Session or any other Judges Books Competent, that a Decreet of Registration be Interponed thereto, that Letters of Horning on Six days Charge, and all other Exe[cutions] necessary pass thereon as Effeirs and for that effect I Constitute My Pro[curato]rs & c l[n] witness whereof these presents consisting of this and the preceeding pare written upon Stampt paper with my own hand and both signed by me at Edinburgh the Sixteenth day of November Jm vijC and Fourty five years before these witnesses Mr William Robertson Minster of the Gospell at Gladsmuir and David Melvill my Servant (Signed William Adam William Robertson witness.- David Melvill witness Masters James Leslie & Commissarys of Edinr Specially Constitute & By the Tenor hereof, In his majestys name and authority Ratifie Approve and Confirm the said Umquhill William adam his Latter will and Testament @[bove] writ[t]en and Inventory so far as given up of his [p.120] his Debts and Sums of money @ Specified & we give and Committ the Intromission therewith to the said John Adam Exe[cuto]r Testamentar to the said Defunct With full power to him the said Exer to uplift receive and Dispose upon the same & Cautioner Alexander white Clerk to the sd Exer –dated the Eighth August MvijC and Forty eight- First Eik as Follows Masters James Leslie & Ratifie Approve & Confirm the said Umquhill William adam his latter will and Testament Before written and Inventory of his debt & Sum of money afterment[ione]d that was due & addebted to the said umqll William Adam the time foresd of his decease, Omitted out of the Prin[cipa]ll Inventory of his Confirmed Testament Testamentar before Specified and since the Confirmation thereof Come to the said John Adam Exer Testamentar to the said Defunct his knowledge To witt Two thousand and seventy six pounds Sterling money of Prin[cipa]ll remaining of Two thousand Five hundred and Seventy six pound money foresaid Item Eleven pounds seven shills and six pence Sterling as the @[nnual] rent of the said Remaining Sum from whit[Sunday] MvijC and Forty eight to the time foresaid of the said Defunct his decease due and Resting by William Lord Bracco to the Defunct all Conform to an Decreet arbitrat pronounced by Mr Cha[rle]s Erskine of Tinwold now Lord Justice Clerk dated the ninth of aprile MvijC and forty eight years upon a Submission made by the said Lord Bracco and the Defunct to Mr And[re]w Fletcher of Meltoun and [p.121] and Mr Patrick Grant of Elchies, two of the Senators of the Colledge of Justice, Arbiters and in case of variance betwixt them to the said Mr Charles Erskine as overs-man dated the Twenty sixth January MvijC & forty four and upon the several Prorogations thereof and upon the said arbiters their Declaration, that they had differed betwixt themselves anent the Decision of the matters submitted which submission

prorogations thereof Declarations of the arbiters their differing & Decreet abitrat are all Reg[istra]t in the Books of Council and Session upon the Eleventh aprile MvijC and forty eight years foresaid Extending the remaining sums & @rents thereof foresaid in haill to the sum of Two thousand and Eighty seven pounds Seven shillings and six pence Sterling and in Scots money to Twenty five thousand and Forty eight pounds ten shilling. And we Give & Committ the Intromission therewith to the said John Adam Exer Testamentar to the said Defunct with full power to him to uplift & Cau[tione]r Robert Adam Second Son of the deceased William Adam Architect dated Twenty third November MvijC and forty eight. Second Eik as Follows Masters James Leslie &c Ratify Approve and Confirm the said Umqll Wm Adam his Latter will and Testament before written and Inventory of his debt and sum of money [p.122] money aftermentioned that was due and addebted to the said defunct the time foresd of his decease Omitted out of the Prin[cipa]ll Inventory of his Testament Testamentar before specified and First Eik made thereto and since the Confirmation thereof Come to the knowledge of the said John Adam Exer Testamentar to the said Defunct To witt the Sum of Two thousand three hundred and thirty nine pounds twelve shillings one penny one twel[f]th part of a penny Ster[ling] whereof one thousand eight hundred and seventy six pounds nine shillings and three pence Ten twel[f]ths Sterling Principal and Four hundred and sixty three pounds two shills and ten pence Sterling of @rents due to the defunct upon the Twenty fourth June MvijC and Forty eight the time foresaid of his decease by the now deceast Francis Duke of Buc[c]leuch and Cont[aine]d in a Decreet Cog causa obt[aine]d before the saids Commissarys upon the day of Aprile MvijC and fifty two years at the instance of the said John Adam the Exer ag[ains]t Henry now Duke of Buccleuch, Mr Campbell Scot, Mr James Scott, Lady Caroline Scott and Lady Frances Scot Grand Children to the said deceast Francis Duke of Buccleuch and their Tutors & Curators if they any had for their interest Extending the said sum of Two thousand three hundred and thirty nine pounds twelve shillings one penny ten twel[f]ths Sterling to the sum of twenty eight thousand and seventy five pounds five shills and Ten pennys Scots money and [p.123] and we give and Committ the Intromission therewith to the said John Adam Executor Testamentar to the said Defunct with full power to him to uplift Receive and Dispose upon the same Cautioner Alex[ande]r White Clerk to the said Mr John Adam dated the Eighth may MvijC and Fifty two years