

Francis Jeffrey SC70/4/43 [p.139] [In Margin] At Edinburgh the seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and fifty years, In presence of the Lords of Council and Session, Compeared James Moncreiff Esquire Advocate Procurator for Messieurs Lockhart Whitehead, Morton and Greig W[riters to the] S[ignet] Ingivers of the Holograph Will underwritten desiring that the same might be registered in their Lordships Books as a probative writ conform to Act of Parliament made anent the Registration of Probative Writs, which desire the said Lords found reasonable, and ordained the same to be done accordingly whereof the tenor follows:- My Testamentary Disposition are as short and simple as possible – 1st I which Charlotte [p.141] Charlotte (that is C 1st my Wife) to have a life interest in my whole succession to the extent of £1000 – or at least £800 a year –and to have power of disposing of £5000 principal –and 2[n]d I mean Charlotte 2d (my daughter) and her descendants to have the whole property –and of course the like use of what may be over after satisfying her mother's provisions –considering the situation of my property, it would require several formal Deeds to secure this Provision to my Wife ag[ainis]t the legal claims of my daughter if she was inclined to stand upon them –But I shall not make any such deeds I have the most implicit confidence in her and her husband at one giving full effect to all I have now expressed –And intending this paper accordingly as a mere instruction or expression to them of wishes which I am sure they will realise, I shall only add a recommendation that (to guard ag[ains]t the hazards of mortality, and what may be regarded as the duty and want of discretion in executors or guardians of minors) they should as soon as possible after my decease, execute such deeds as they may be advised for effecting the objects in view –In the meantime I add some explanation of the views on which I have been led to make these dispositions –and subjoin a general Abstract [p.143] Abstract of vidimus of the funds which are to be affected by it. With her provision of £1000, or £800 a year, I think C might with proper management continue to live at Criagcrook keeping a roomy Brougham and one Cow all the year –and two while the children are with her –I assume that she would rather wish so to live for a part of the year – and I confess I should rather like to continue for a time at least, that connection of the family with Scotland –But if she should chuse to live altogether with her daughter, of course I have no objection In that case the Income of the family would be substantially undivided –and her separate provision really merged in that for the whole parties –parties –as to all which their good sense and good hearts will find so difficulty about arrangements on the supposition of her continuing at Craigcrook I am aware that my daughter and her family will have (directly at least) but small immediate benefit from my succession But upon a rude estimate I have a notion that this separate Income of her mother may be provided for, from the proceeds of my other funds –exclusive of the £9,500, which I think I have embarked in railway shares –and which it is to be hoped will always yield something about £400, or better –I have only to subjoin the [p.145] the general view of my property –which will make what I have now been saying more clearly intelligible My funds I think are nearly as follows 1st the property of Clermiston –This cost me altogether ab[ou]t £17,000 – tho' it only now brings £430 of rent –From the situation however –and wood I am still inclined to estimate it –tho' this is probably too high at ___ £15,000..-.- 2[n]d Money invested in Railway shares ___ 9,500..-.- 3[r]d Money on Mortgage on Scotch estate for 3 years certain at 5 p[e]r cent –John Hunter knows all about this and has the

Deeds ___ 8,500..-.- 4. House 4. House in Moray Place –for which (and redemption of 2/3ds ground rent) I paid £4,700 –This I think should be sold and at present rated would probably bring the original price –and if along with it were sold, the furniture, pictures, not wished to be retained –superfluous wines both these and at Craigcrook Books & c[etera] the whole I think should bring at least ___ £6,000..-.- It ought probably be let furnished till a Sale – 5. There is still I think between £2,000 and £3,000 to come of my American money ___ 2,500..-.- 6. House in Hill Street worth I should think ___ 1,000..-.- 7 I [p.147] 7. I advanced £750 some 15 years ago to Fox Maule in security for which Rutherford (who made a similar advance) hold a policy of insurance –on which I take for granted that the premiums have always been paid – but I have never received any interest –It cannot be less now I think than ___ £1,200 8. Mrs Crowe owes me £700 secured over her house of which Jo[h] Hunter has the title ___ 700..-.- 9. I think I have at present in Bank something better than 800..-.- 10. I have some £500 or £600 in in Edinburgh Water Company shares –which have hitherto paid about 6 pr cent interest, and are therefore probably worth at least ___ £600..-.- 11. I think P McCulloch still owes me towards £200 on some old bill but I am not sure –say ___ 150..-.- Except some disperate debts I think there is nothing more - ___ £44,950..-.- I have Sir C Hastings Note of hand for (I think) £250 From this the only considerable deduction – for I scarcely think I can have above £200 or £300 of ordinary outstanding debts –is a sum of about £3,200 which I hold of my bothers John's –and which I took to allow him a better interest than he could [p.149] could get safely otherwise –I have lately made an allowance of £100 a year to him – and £50 to my Cousins the Miss Loudons which of course I wish to be continued –If any little Legacies occur to me, I may mention them afterwards –but at present I only think of a years wages to each of my servants –and mournings for such as may remain with Charlotte –and all this I have written with my own hand on these 4 sides of paper at Hayleyby college of this 29th day March 1848. –(signed) F. Jeffrey. – Extracted furth of the Books of Council and Session upon this and the nine preceding pages of stamped Paper by me one of the Keepers of the Register of Deeds Probative Writs &c, conform to Act of Parliament. –The words words “2/yrs paid” on the first line of the seventh page hereof, being delete before signing. (signed.) Geo[rge] R Kinloch. 30th November 1850. This is the Extract of the Last Will of the late Honourable Francis Jeffrey, one of the senators of the College of Justice referred to in my deposition on the Inventory of his personal Estate of this date. (signed) C.W. Empson (..) W. Empson (..) James Hancock Mayor.