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1. John knox xiiijth Jan[ua]rii 1573

2. The testament testamentare & Inventare of the guid[is] geir sowms

3. of money & dettis [per]teining to vmq[ui]le Johnne knox mi[n]ister of the evangel

4. of christ Jesus the tyme of his deceis quha deceissit vpoun the xxiiij

5. day of november The yeir of god jaivc lxxij yeiris Faithfullie

6. maid & gevin vp be him self vpoun the xiiij day of maij the yeir

7. of god foirsaid and [par]tlie be m[ar]garet stewart his relict Quhome

8. w[i]t[h] martha m[ar]garet & elizabeth knox his dochteris he vpoun

9. the xiiij day of Maij in his Latterwill vnderwritin no[mi]n[at his executor[is]

10. testame[n]taris as the sami[n] of the dait foirsaid beiris.

11. In the first the said vmq[ui]le Johnne grantit him to haif had the tyme foirsaid

Tua

12. syluer drinking cowpis m[ar]kit w[i]t[h] J.K.M. on the ane syde and on the vther syde

13. w[i]t[h] E.B.N. [con]tein[in]g xxv vnces or th[air]by Tua saltfattis of syluer of xiiij vnce

14. vecht and ane half auchteine syluer spvnes [con]tein[in]g xx vnce weiht & a marte pric of the vnce

15. xxvi s~ viij d~ Su[m]ma Foureskoir pundis off the quhilk syluer work abouewritin

16. the airschip is to be deducit & takin of Item the said m[ar]garet ane of the saidis

17. executoris grantit th[at] the said vmquhile Johnne had the tyme of his deceis foirsaid in

18. pois ane hundret[h] pundis Item his buikis alsweill vpoun the scriptures as vthir

19. [pro]phane autho[ris] wort[h] vjxx and x li~ Item in vtensile & domicile the [airschip]

20. being deducit to the availl of xxx li~

21. Su[m]ma Inventarij – ijclxxxxvj li~ vj s~ viij d~

22. Followis the dettis awing to the deid

23. Item thair wes awing to the said vmq[ui]le Johnne the tyme of his deceis foirsaid be

24. andro lord stewart of [vcholtrie] his guid fader the sowme of Lxxx li~ of Lent

25. money. Item be w[illia]m fiddes baxter x li~ restand awand to the said vmq[ui]le Johnne

26. of quheit q[ui]lk he ressaut to gif breid for Item be agnes weymis relict of

27. vmq[ui]le andro mernis cietenir of St androis xix li~ vj s~j d~ scots for the rest

28. of beir q[ui]lk scho ressaut for the said vmq[ui]le Johnne to mak aill of Item be

29. m[ar]garet spens spous to m[iste]r Robert glen[n] [xvij scored out] xvij li~ xv s~ iij d~ for beir

30. q[ui]lk scho ressaut fra the said vmq[ui]le to delyuer aill of Item restand

31. awand to the said vmq[ui]le Johnne the tyme foirsaid for ane pairt of his

32. pensioun q[uih]lk he had furt[h] of the kirk of hadingtoun be the [per]sones following
33. the [victuales] vnderwrittin of the yeiris & cropes p[r]ice vnderspecifeit
34. viz of the crope & yeir of god jaivclxxi yeiris be James fiddes for
35. ane p[ar]t of his teyndis of the Nu[n]land Liand in the parochin of hadingtoun
36. Ane boll of quheit ane firlote beir vij bollis aittis Be Adame
37. Ethingtoun in quhitrig ane boll of quheit sex bollis aittis price of the boll
38. of quheit the said yeir L s~ price of the boll of beir the said yeir twa
39. m[er]kis and price of the boll of aittis the sam[in] yeir xx s~ Sum[m]a xix li~
40. xiiij s~ iiij d~ I Tem be the said James fiddes for his teyndis of the saidis landis
41. of Nu[n]land of the crope & yeir of god Jaivclxxij yeiris ane boll of
42. quheit ane boll ane firlote beir sevin bollis aittis Be James oliphant
43. & robert hepburne for thair teyndis of the land[is] of Stenestoun Liand within
44. the said parochin the said yeir sex bollis quheit sex bollis beir and
45. xx bollis aittis Be the said adame ethingtoun in quhitrig for his teyndis
46. of the said[is] land[is] the said yeir ane boll of quhiet ane boll of beir & sex
47. bollis aittis Be Johnne gulanis wyfe in aulderstoun for hir teyndis th[air]of
48. of the yeir foirsaid twa bollis quheit twa bollis beir and viij bollis aittis
49. Price of the boll of quheit the said yeir L s~ price of the boll beir the
50. said yeir twa m[er]kis & price of the boll aittis the same yeir xx s~ Su[mm]a
51. Lxxix li~ xiiij s~ iiij d~ I Tem restand awand to the said vmq[uih]le Johnne the
52. tyme of his deceis foirsaid be the p[er]sones following the sowmes of money &
53. victuale vnderwrittin as for ane p[ar]t of his stipend assignit to him for susten[in]g
54. in the ministrie of the said crop & yeir of god JajvcLxxj yeiris In
55. the first be Margaret haldane Lady Colingtoun for the Lambes terme
56. in the said yeir xxxiiij li~ vi s~ viij d~ Be M[iste]r Robert wynrahame Collector
57. of fyfe xxxiiij li~ xvij s~ for the said vmq[uih]le John[ne]s victuale of the said pensioun
58. sauld be him the said yeir Be robert bennet thre firlottis quheit price
59. of the boll Ls~ Su[mm]a xlvij s~ vj d~ I Tem restand awand to the said vmq[uih]le
60. Johnne the victuale vnderspecifeit as for ane [par]t of his said stipend the crop
61. & yeir of god jaivclxxij yeiris In the first be williame m[ar]thingstoun in
62. Inueresk thre bollis tua firlottis tua peckis quheit Be williame vernor
63. thair tua bollis tua firlottis thre peckis quheit Be George forman th[air] thre
64. bollis tua firlottis tua peckis quheit, Be robert dowglas thair thre bollis
65. tua firlots tua peckis quheit Be Johnne coamistoun in monktounhall
66. thre bollis thre firlottis quheit Be Johnne Kerss [th[air]] thre bollis ane firlot
67. tua peckis quheit Be thomas thomsoun th[air] tua bollis tua firlottis tua peckis
68. quheit Be adame wricht tua bollis ane firlot quheit Be williame
69. Johnnestoun foure bollis ane firlot quheit Be dauid hill in Inueresk ane
70. boll thre firlotts thre peckis quheit extende[in]g to tua chalder quheit

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71. price of the boll of quheit the said yeir Ls~ Su[mm]a Lxxx li~ Be helene [townis]
72. relict of vmq[uih]le richard prestoun of quhithill ane chalder beir Be jonet Betoun
73. in litill monktoun ellevin bollis beir Be williame wanchop of nidry marschell
74. for the teyndis of the land[is] of Calcoittis thre bollis beir Be Johne hill of that ilk
75. twa bollis beir Be the tennentis of the parochin of kynglassie four chalderis
76. beir as followis Be Johnne boswall in gaitmylk ane chalder beir williame
77. swyne th[air] viij bollis beir george tod in ky[n]nethmonth ane chalder beir helene

78. mertyne in kynglassie and w[illia]m boswall hir sone tuelf bollis beir w[illia]m
 79. boswall in stintoun xij bollis beir extende[in]g in the hail to sex chalderis beir
 80. price of the boll or heid tua m[er]kis Su[mm]a ane hundred[h] twentie aucht pundis
 81. Be the tennentis of the parochin of newbirnshyre in fyfe some chalderis
 82. aittis as followis viz: williame disthingtoun in rameldry fourtene bollis aittis
 83. Thome alcheno[u]r th[air] xiiij bollis beir Johnne young in the coitts sex bollis aittis
 84. Be dauid sympsoun th[air] sex bollis aittis and be andro [-] thair sex
 85. bollis aittis Be dauid Johnesoun in montturpie aucht bollis aittis Be
 86. [-] sympsoun foure bollis aittis Price of the boll or heid xx s~
 87. Su[m]ma Lxiiij li~ I Tem resting awand to the said vmq[ui]le Johnne the sowmes
 88. vnderspecifeit as for ane [par]t of the syluer of his said stipend of the said
 89. yeir of god JajvcLxxij yeiris In the first be James rig of carberry
 90. for the half teynd of cowsland xxxij li~ vj s~ viij d~ Be [-]
 91. Lady edmestoun spous to andro ker of hirsell kny[gh]t for the vth[er] half of the teyndis
 92. of the land[is] foirsaid[is] xxxij li~ vj s~ viij d~ Be the said m[ar]garet haldane
 93. lady colyngtoun for the teynd of haillis Lxvi li~ xij s~ iiij d~ Be Robert
 94. bennet xxxiiij li~ vj s~ viij d~ Be m[iste]r James macgill of rankelo[u]r nethir
 95. for his males of the land[is] of pinkie for the t[er]mes of witsunday & m[ar]tymes
 96. In the said yeir of god Jajvc Lxxij yeiris Lj lib~ vj s~ viij d~ And also
 97. resting be hime of the makes of the land[is] foirsaid of the yeir of god Jajvc
 98. Lxx yeiris xlv s~ viij d~ Be the executor[is] of vmq[ui]le gilbert edmastoun
 99. resting be him of the males of the land[is] foirsaid of the yeir of god Jajvc
 100. Lxx yeiris xlv s~ viij d~ Be the executors of vmq[ui]le gilbert edmestoun
 101. for the males of the land[is] of wowmet of the t[er]me of m[ar]tymes the said yeir of
 102. god Jaj vc Lxij yeiris xxii Li~ viijs~ Be Jonet betoun for the males of litill
 103. monktoun nyne pund[is] Be the said [-] lady edmestoun
 104. & archibald prestoun of wallefeild for the males of net[o]un xiiij li~ xi s~ vj d~
 105. Be James rig of carberry for the maill th[air]of xx li~ I Tem be [-]
 106. [-] of nidry for the males of calcottes thre pund[is] Be Robert
 107. Dowglas in Inueresk for his males iij lib~ xix s~ iiij d~ Be W[illia]m m[ar]chinso[u]n
 108. th[air] for his few maill xxvij s~ x d~

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109. Su[m]ma of the dettis abouewrittin awing to the deid viij C xxx li~ xix s~ vj s~
 110. Na dettis awing be the deid
 111. Su[m]ma of the Inventare w[i]t[h] the dettis awing to the deid Ljaj jC xxvj li~ xix s~ vj d~
 112. To be diuidit in thre [par]tis the deidis [par]t th[air]of extendis to iijC Lxxv li~ xiiij s~ ij d~
 113. Followis the lattirwill and legacie
 114. Lord Jesus I [com]mend my trublit spreit in thy [pro]tectioun & defence and thy
 115. trublit kirk to thy m[ajes]tie Becaus I haif had to do w[i]t[h] [dyuerss] [per]sonages of the

116. ministrie q[uhair]unto god of his mercie erectit me w[i]t[h]in this realme my dewetie
 117. cravis that I sall leve vnto thai[m] ane to now ane testimony of my mynd
 118. And first vnto the papists and to the vnthankfull warld I say that althocht
 119. my lyfe hes bene vnto thai[m] odious and that oftintymes thai haif socht my
 120. destructioun & the destructioun of the kirk q[uih]lk god of his m[ajes]tie hes pa[r]tit
 121. within this realme & hes alwayis preservit & keptit the samin fra thair
 122. crewale Int[er]prysis yit to thai[m] I am [com]pellit to say that [onles] thai spedelie
 123. repent my de[par]ting of this lyfe salbe to thai[m] the gretest calamitie th[a]t euir
 124. yit hes apprehendit thai[m] sum small apperance thai may yit haif on
 125. my lyfe gif thai haif grace to se ane deid man haif I bene almaist
 126. thir tua yeiris lastbipast And yit I wald that thai suld [rypeli]e [con]sidd[er]
 127. in quhat better estait thai & thair ma[jes]ties standis in thaim it hes done befoir
 128. and thai haif hard of lang tyme befoir threatint bot because thai will not
 129. admit me for ane admonis[h]er I gif thai[m] our to the Jugement of him
 130. quha knawis the hairtis of all and will disclose the secretis thairof
 131. in dew tyme and this far to the papists To the faithfull god befoir
 132. his sone Jesus christ and befoir his halie Angellis I [pro]test that god
 133. be my mouth be I neuir sa abiect hes shawin to yow his trewth
 134. In all simplicitie Nane I haif corrupted nane I haif defraudit merchandice
 135. haif I not maid to gods glorie I write I of the glorious evangell
 136. of Jesus christ bot according to the messenger of the grace grannted
 137. vnto me I haif dividit the sermont of trewt[h] in Just [par]tis beatin doun
 138. the pryde of the proude In all that did declair th[air] rebellious agains
 139. god according as god in his law gevis to me yit testimonie & raising vp
 140. th[con]sciencis trublat with the knowlege of th[air] awin synnes be the declaring
 141. of Jesus christ the strenth of his death and the michtie operatioun of his
 142. resurrectioun In the hartis of the faithfull off this I say I haif ane
 143. testimony this day in my [con]science befoir god how that evir the warld
 144. rage Be co[n]stant th[air]foir in doctrine that anis publictlye ye haif
 145. professit Lat not sclandrous dayis draw yow away fra Jesus christ
 146. Nathir Lat ye prosperitie of the wickett move yow to follow it nor thaim

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147. For howsaeuir it be that god appeiris to necglect his awin for ane seasoun
 148. yit he remains ane Just Juge quha nathir faith nor will Justefie the
 149. wickett I am not Ignorant that mony wald that I suld entir in [paar]ticulare
 150. determinatioun of thir p[rese]nt troubles To quhome I planelie and simplie
 151. a[n]sw[e]r that as I neuir excedit the boundis of godis scriptures Sua will I
 152. not do in this [par]t by godis grace Bot heirof I am assurit be him quha
 153. nathir can dissave nor be dissavit that the castell of edinbur[ch]t in the q[uih]lk
 154. all the murther all the truble & the haill destructioun pf this pur [com]mon
 155. weill wes Inventit & as our awin dismay witnes by thaim & by thair
 156. ma[n]tenariswes put in executioun sall cum to destructioun mantene it
 157. quha salist The destructioun I say of body & saule except thai repent
 158. I Luik not to the mome[n]tary [pro]speritie of the wicked ye not altho[ch]t thai

159. suld remane [con]queroris to the cu[m]ing of o[u]r lord Jesus bot I luik to this sentence
 160. that quhasaeuir scheddis Innocent bluid defyles the land & [pro]vokis godis
 161. wraith agains him self and the land vntill his bluid be sched agane
 162. be ordor of law to satisfie godis anger This is not the first tyme that
 163. Ye haif said this sentence altho that mony at all tymes stirrit at sik
 164. severitie I yit afferme the same being reddy to entir to gif compt
 165. befor his maiestie of the stewartschip he [com]mittit vnto me I know in
 166. my death the Rumo[u]ris salbe strainge bot be ye not trublit abone me for
 167. belouit in the lord Jesus Bot yit agane I say remane [con]sta[n]t in the
 168. trewt[h] and he quhair of his m[ajest]ie send me [con]ductit me & [pro]sperit the
 169. work in my hand agains sathan will [pro]vide for yow abundantlie
 170. quhen that ethir my bluid sall watter the doctrine taucht be me
 171. Or he of his m[ajes]tie vth[er]wayis [pro]vide to put ane end to this my battell

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172. executors I mak [con]stitute & ordane m[ar]garet stewart my spous martha
 173. m[ar]garet & elizabeth knoxis my docht[er]is and the faithfull to be or samen.
 174. To my tua sons nathanaell and eleazane knoxis I vnsened the leis
 175. that same benedictioun that th[air] dairest moder m[ar]jorie bowss left vnto
 176. thai[m] To wit th[a]t god for his sone christ Jesus saik wald of his mercie
 177. mak thai[m] his trew feueris and als vpricht worschipperis of him as
 178. ony that euir sprang out of abrahmes loyns quhairto now as than
 179. I fra my trublit hart say amen Farther I haif delyu[r]it be maister
 180. Randulphe to m[iste]r Robert bowss [sch]eriff of the bischoprik & bruder to the
 181. said mariorie my vmq[ui]lle dairest spous the sowme of fyve hundreth
 182. pundis of scottis money to the vtilitie & [pro]ffett of my s[ai]ds tua sons The
 183. q[ui]llk money is that [par]t of substa[n]ce that fell or [per]teinit to thai[m] be the
 dettis
 184. of m[ar]jorie bowss thair moder of blissit memory And augme[n]tit be me
 185. as I myt or may spair to mak out the said sowme for I ressaut of th[air]in
 186. but ane hundret[h] m[er]kis sterling q[ui]llk I of my povirtie extendit to fyve
 hundret[h]
 187. pundis scottis and that in [con]tentatioun[n] of the bairnis pairt of geir q[ui]llkis

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188. may fall to thai[m] be my dettis I Tem I leif to my saids tua sones Tua
 189. syluer drinking cowpis The ane of thai[m] is m[ar]kit JKM on the ane
 190. syde and on the other syde w[i]t[h] E.B.N. and in lyke maner the vth[er] w[i]t[h]
 the same
 191. m[ar]k & le[ttre]s The werht of the saids tua cuipis [con]tenand xxij vnce or
 th[air]by
 192. Tua saltfattis of syluer and xvij syluer spunes weyand xxxiiij oz and ane
 193. q[uar]te[r] vnces price of the vnce or heid xxvj s~ viij d~ The q[ui]llk[is] cuipis
 saltfattis &
 194. spvnes I leif in keping to the said m[ar]garet my spous q[ui]ll my saids sones
 195. be of the aige of xxj yeiris AT the q[ui]llk tyme I ordane & [com]mandis hir
 196. to delyuer the same[n] to my saidis sones ane [par]t of my saidis
 197. vther faillis I Tem I leif also to my said sones the ane [par]t of my saidis
 198. buikis of the avail of xxx li~ And failyeing of my saids sones & thair

199. airis I ordane the foirsaidis fyve hundred[h] pundis w[i]t[h] the syluer cuipis spunes
 200. saltfattis & buikis to return agane as eftir followis That is to say
 201. the ane equale half th[air]of to the said m[ar]garet my spous & my saidis thrie
 202. dochteris and the vthir half of the sami[n] to my bruder willieme knox
 203. & his airis quhatsu[m]eur I Tem I leif to my said spous m[ar]garet stewart
 204. the aucht hundred[h] m[er]kis q[ui]llk ar laid vpoun the landis of pennymour
 205. quhairin scho is infeft be andro lord stewart of vchiltrie my fader
 206. of law and failyeing of the said m[ar]garet I leif the sami[n] to my saidis
 207. thre dochteris and failzeing if thai[m] I leif the sam[en] to the said andro
 208. lord stewart of vchiltrie & his airis quhatsu[m]evir Chairging and
 209. requiring my said fader of law & his airis as thai will a[nswe]r befoir
 210. that Incorruptible Juge the lord Jesus that thai suffer not my said spous
 211. & children to be defraudit or evill payit of the males & a[n]nuelrent of
 212. the saidis landis during the no[n] redemptioun of the sami[n] I Tem I leif to paule
 213. knox my bruder sone ane hundreth pundis q[ui]llk lye in wodset vpoun
 214. Robert campbellis landis in kynzeauilent[h] & quhairin the said paule is ellis
 215. Infest and that to be ane help to hald him at the stintis And as [con]teining
 216. the rest of my haill guidis quhatsu[m]evir I leif to be dividit betuix my
 217. said spous & my saidis thrie dochteris and because my said spous man tak
 218. the cair of my saidis dochteris & faithfullie travell for thair guid nourishment
 219. & vpbringing Thairfoir I leif my said spous the vse of thair geir
 220. q[ui]llk thai be maireit or cum to [per]fite age AT q[ui]llk tyme I ordane thai[m]
 221. euery ane as the tyme approches to haif th[air] awin that to thai[m] appertenis
 222. Sic subscribitur Johne knox John adamesoun witnes ro[bert] watsoun
 223. witness Johne Johnsoun witnes

224. Quotta gratis
 225. The quote of this testament is given gratis
 226. At speale [com]mand of my lordis commissaris

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227. We m[iste]r ro[ber]t moule [com]missar of ed[inbu]r[gh] speciallie [con]stitut for [con]firmatioun of testamentis
 228. Be the tennour heirof ratefeis appreuis & [con]fermis thir p[rese]nt
 229. testame[n]t or Inue[n]tar insafar as the sami[n] is deulie & Lauchfullie maid
 230. of the gudis & geir abouespecifeit alai[nar]lie And gevis & [com]mittis the intromissioun
 231. w[i]t[h] the sam[en] the saidis margaret stewart relict of the said vmq[ui]lle Johne knox
 232. martha m[ar]garet & elizabeth knoxis his dochteris his exe[cuto]ris testamentaris no[mi]nat
 233. be him Conforme to the lattirwill abouewrittin Reseruand compt to be maid be
 234. thame thairfor is accor[dand] of the law And the said m[ar]garet stewart ane of the
 235. said[is] exe[cuto]ris being sworne hes maid faith trewlie to execute the said office
 236. and hes fundin cautioun that the guidis and geir awin specifait salbe
 237. [furt[h]cu[m]and] to all pairteis havand interes as law will As ane act maid
 238. th[air]upon beirs.

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