

Testament of John Playfair
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John Playfair SC70/1/21 [p.659] John Playfair 7 June 1820 At Edinburgh the seventh day of June Eighteen hundred and twenty years the following Inventory of the personal Estate of John Playfair deceased & Deed relative to the disposal of thereof were presented by Mr Richard Prentice Solicitor at Law Inventory of the personal or moveable Estate of the deceased Mr John Playfair professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Edinburgh, who died at Edinburgh on the 20th day of July 1819 given up to be recorded in the Commissary Court Books of Edinburgh in terms of Law by Miss Margaret Playfair Sister of the deceased, and one of the Executors nominated to him by his last will and Testamentary Disposition 1 Cash in the house ___ £40.-.- 2 Sum due to the deceased by Sir William Forbes Hunter [p.661] and Company including interest to the time of his decease ___ 2342..10..5 The amount of the appropriated value of the Household furniture Plate Linen and China ___ 250..7..6 4 D[itt]o D[itt]o Books & Maps ___ 300.-.- 5 Do. Do. Wearing apparel ___ 15.-.- 6 Do. Do. The deceaseds Watch ___ 15.-.- 6 Do. Do. Mathematical Instruments 100.-.- 8 Amount of Salary due to the deceased as professor in the university of Edinburgh, and pension from the Crown Together 51.-.- 9 Half pay due to the deceased as Chaplain of the 83[r]d Regiment 107..10..5 10 Value of one share in the astronomical institution ___ 26..5.- 11 Sum due to the deceased by Bell and Bradfute Booksellers Edinburgh for and Edition of Euclid ___ 50.-.- / £3292..3..4 Note the deceased at the time of his death was also possessed of personal property in England, the whole of which has been administered to, and the Stamp duty paid as under £800 signed M Playfair George Carphin At Edinburgh the seventh day of June Eighteen hundred and twenty years in Presence of George Carphin Esquire Deputy Commissioner appointed by the Right Honourable the Commissaries of Edinburgh for taking the Deposition underwritten Compeared Miss Margaret Playfair residing in Edinburgh Sister and one of the Executors nominated to the deceased who being solemnly sworn and examined Depones That Mr John Playfair late Professor of Natural Philosophy in the university of Edinburgh died at Edinburgh on the twentieth day of July One thousand eight hundred and nineteen years. That the Deponent is about to enter upon the possession or management of the deceaseds personal or Moveable Estate as one of the Executors nominated and appointed by him in a Testamentary Disposition and Settlement made and executed by him of date the 10th July 1810, and recorded in the Books of Council and Session the 27 July 1819 which is now exhibited and subscribed by the Deponent and the said Commissioner relative hereto – That the Deponent does not know of any Settlement or other writing left by the deceased relative to the disposal of his personal Estate or any part thereof other than that which is now exhibited. That the foregoing Inventory which is signed by the Deponent and the said Commissioner of this date as relative hereto is a full and Complete Inventory of the personal Estate and effects of the said deceased John Playfair situated in Scotland or belonging and due to him beneficially at the time of his death [p.663] in so far as the same has come to the Deponents knowledge and that the value of the said Estate situated in Scotland is of the value of Three thousand pounds and under the value of Four Thousand pounds Sterling all which is Truth as the Deponent shall answer to God – (signed) M Playfair George Carphin Comr. Follows the Defuncts Disposition and Settlement I John Playfair professor of natural Philosophy in the university of Edinburgh for the better settlement of my affairs in the event of my death, and for the

love and regard I have for my relations afternamed, do hereby with and under the burdens and provisions afterwritten Dispose and assign and Convey to Margaret Playfair and Barbara Playfair my Sisters equally between and the survivor of them, and the heirs and assignees whatsoever of them, or of the survivor of them, all and sundry debts and sums of money principal interest and penalty whether due by bonds heritable or moveable Bills, promissory notes, accompts, Contracts, Decrets or otherwise which shall be resting or owing to me at my death, with the vouchers thereof, as also all and sundry goods gear and moveable Estate and Effects (heirship moveables included) which shall belong to me at my death, and also all and sundry Lands, Houses, Tenements and other heritages presently belonging, or which shall belong to me at my death, with the writings and Title deeds thereof, and particularly without prejudice of the said generality That Lodging or dwelling house on the north side of Albany Street Edinburgh, with the Cellars and area belonging thereto, as all presently occupied by me, and whole other parts, pendicles privileges and pertinents thereof and as more specially described in my Rights and Infeftments of the same, lying within the parish of St Andrew Royalty and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh In which dwelling house with the pertinents I oblige myself to infeft & seise the said Margaret and Barbara Playfair and the survivor of them or their other foresaids, and that by two several infeftments or manners of holding a me or de me, and I oblige myself and my heirs and successors to grant all writs and Deeds necessary to accomplish the said Infeftment by Resignation; and I hereby declare that these presents are granted with and under the burdens following vizt with the burden and payment of my death bed and funeral expenses and of all the just and lawful debts [p.665] which shall be owing by me at my death, as also with the burden of the following legacies, which I hereby Bequeath to the persons aftermentioned vizt. to my nephew James Playfair son of James Playfair late architect in London the sum of one hundred pounds Sterling, and also to my nephew William Playfair son of the said James Playfair son of the said James Playfair late architect in London the sum of One hundred pounds Sterling, the which Legacies I appoint to be paid six months after the day of my death, with a fifth part more of penalty in case of failure, and the legal interest of these legacies from the said term of payment during the not payment thereof and also with and under the burden of the payment of such other legacies or annuities as I may hereafter grant or bequeath by Codicils annexed hereto, or by any other deed under my hand expressive of my will however informal the same may be; and thereby nominate and appoint the said Margaret and Barbara Playfair, and the survivor of them to be my Executors or Executor with my whole Executry or moveable Estate, but alwise with and under the burdens before written, and I reserve full power to Recall or alter these presents in whole or in part at any time of my life, and dispense with the delivery hereof. –And I consent to the registration of these presents and of any Codicils to be annexed thereto in the books of Council and Session or of any other proper Court therein to remain for preservation, and Constitute my procurators for that purpose, and further desire and require you and each of you as my baillies jointly and severally and specially Constituted to the effects after written, that upon sight hereof ye give and deliver heritable state and sasine to the said Margaret Playfair and Barbara Playfair, and the survivors of them, or to their other aforesaids of all and whole the foresaid Lodging or dwelling house with the Cellars and area belonging thereto, and whole other parts, pendicles priviledges and pertinents belonging thereto, lying and described as aforesaid, but always with and under the burdens and provisions beforewritten, by delivery of all symbols necessary to the said Margaret and Barbara

Playfair or the survivor of them, or their other foresaids, or to their attornies in their names bearers hereof, and for doing whereof I commit to you and each of you full power by this my precept In witness whereof I have written [p.667] and subscribed this and the two preceeding pages of Stamped paper at Edinburgh the tenth day of July Eighteen hundred and ten before these witnesses Walter Jollie and James McAlpine writers in Edinburgh, one word on the second page, and one word on this being deleted before signing (signed) John Playfair Walter Jollie Witness James McAlpine witness Edinburgh 7th June 1820 This is the Disposition and Settlement referred to in my Deposition of this date on the Inventory of the Personal Estate of John Playfair Professor of Moral Philosophy in the university of Edinburgh (signed) M Playfair George Carphin Comr.