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By the Tenor of these presents we John Donaldson & James Claypoole by virtue of a Comission from the Honble William Markham Esqr Governor of the Province of Pensilvania and Counties anexed-Doe make known unto all people that this first day of July 1695 Before us at New Castle was approved, allowed and registered the Testament of John Garretson Vanderhofe late of New Castle deceased to these presents- anexed (the same being proved the firth of March last before the Comissioners then being) and administration of all the goods rights and credits of whatsoever sort concerning the said deceased and his said Testament was comitted to John Richardson Robert Dyer and Robert Hutchinson or any two of them during the minority of the eldest son of the said John Garratson, well and faithfully to administer the same and make a perfect and just Inventory of all and singular the goods right and credits of the said deceased and the same to exhibit and a plain and true calculated account to render upon their attestation Dated at New Castle aforesaid under our hands and Seal of the County the day and year abovesaid

> John Donaldson James Claypoole

The last will and Testament of John Garretson Vanderhofe made the 28th day of November 1694 being sick and weak but in perfect memory—I give my Spirit to God and my body to the ground—Item I give all my land unto my three sons that is Gerhard Casper and Cornelius after the decease of their Mother, or if the said Ann their mother should marry then when my sons shall come to age they shall have it the Land, It is my will that it shall be equally—divided between Gerrell them that is to say my eldest son Gerhard to have my home plantation with the lequall computation of land as my other two sons have. Item Gerrell It is my will that my son Gerhard shall help with the help of my

other two sons to clear them as much land as the home plantation have, and to build housing convenient for them, also the land that Casper and Cornelius have it must be divided, and then they must cast lotts for their settlement, also the stock I have gave them they do know, and the stock that is mine and my wifes after both our decease it shall be equally divided between my sons and my Daughters, that is to say my cattle and hoggs, and if my loving wife Ann should marry then it is my will that she shall have her thirds of the moveables and noe more

Item It is my will that my three sons Gerhard Casper and Cornelius, when they come to age they shall give my Daughters five pounds each, and if any of my Daughters should dye before they are married then my sons and shall equally divide it between them as witness my hand and seal

John Garretson

Robert Hutchinson Robert Dyer