

THE
LAST WILL

AND

TESTAMENT

OF

ALEXANDER POPE,
of TWICKENHAM, Esq;

TO WHICH IS ADDED,

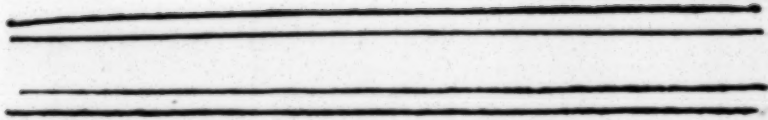
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THE
LAST WILL, &c.

IN THE NAME OF GOD,
AMEN. I *Alexander Pope*, of
Twickenham, in the County of *Middle-*
sex, make this my last Will and Testa-
ment. I resign my Soul to it's Creator

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in all humble Hope of it's future Happiness, as in the Disposal of a Being infinitely Good. As to my Body, my Will is, That it be buried near the Monument of my dear Parents at *Twickenbam*, with the Addition, after the Words *filius fecit* -- of these only, *Et sibi: Qui obiit Anno 17. Ætatis ---* and that it be carried to the Grave by six of the poorest Men of the Parish, to each of whom I order a Suit of Grey course Cloth, as Mourning. If I happen to die at any inconvenient Distance, let the same be done in any other Parish, and the Inscription be added on the Monument at *Twickenbam*. I hereby make and appoint my particular Friends,

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Allen Lord Bathurst; Hugh Earl of Marchmont; the Honourable William Murray, his Majesty's Solicitor General; and George Arbuthnott, of the Court of Exchequer, Esq; the Survivors or Survivor of them, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

But all the Manuscript and unprinted Papers which I shall leave at my Decease, I desire may be delivered to my Noble Friend, *Henry St. John, Lord Bolingbroke*, to whose sole Care and Judgment I commit them, either to be preserved or destroyed; or in case he shall not survive me, to the abovesaid Earl of *Marchmont*. These, who in the
 Course

Course of my Life have done me all other good Offices, will not refuse me this last after my Death: I leave them therefore this Trouble, as a Mark of my Trust and Friendship; only desiring them each to accept of some small Memorial of me: That my Lord *Bolingbroke* will add to his Library all the Volumes of my Works and Translations of *Homer*, bound in red Morocco, and the Eleven Volumes of those of *Erasmus*: That my Lord *Marchmont* will take the large Paper Edition of *Tbuanus*, by *Buckley*; and that Portrait of Lord *Bolingbroke*, by *Richardson*; which he shall prefer: That my Lord *Batburst* will find a Place for the three Statues
of

of the *Hercules* of *Furnese*, the *Venus* of *Medicis*, and the *Apollo* in *Cbiaro of-curo*, done by *Kneller* : That Mr. *Murray* will accept of the Marble Head of *Homer*, by *Bernini* ; and of Sir *Isaac Newton*, by *Guelfi* ; and that Mr. *Arbutnot* will take the Watch I commonly wore, which the King of *Sardinia* gave to the late Earl of *Peterborough*, and he to me on his Death-Bed ; together with one of the Pictures of Lord *Bolingbroke*.

Item, I desire Mr. *Lyttelton* to accept of the Busts of *Spencer*, *Shakespear*, *Milton*, and *Dryden*, in Marble, which his Royal Master the Prince, was pleased
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to give me. I give and devise my Library of printed Books to *Ralph Allen*, of *Widcombe*, Esq; and to the Reverend Mr. *William Warburton*, or to the Survivor of them (when those belonging to Lord *Bolingbroke* are taken out, and when Mrs. *Martha Blount* has chosen Threescore out of the Number) I also give and bequeath to the said Mr. *Warburton* the Property of all such of my Works already Printed, as he hath written, or shall write Commentaries or Notes upon, and which I have not otherwise disposed of, or alienated; and all the Profits which shall arise after my Death from such Editions as he shall

shall publish without future Alterations.

Item, In case *Ralph Allen*, Esq; a-
bovesaid, shall survive me, I order my
Executors to pay him the Sum of One
hundred and fifty Pounds; being, to the
best of my Calculation, the Account of
what I have received from him; partly
for my own, and partly for Charitable
Uses. If he refuse to take this him-
self, I desire him to employ it in a
Way I am persuaded he will not dis-
like, to the Benefit of the *Bath-Ho-*
spital.

I give and devise to my Sister-in-law,
Mrs. Magdalen Racket, the Sum of Three
C hun-

hundred Pounds; and to her Sons, *Henry*,
 and *Robert Racket*, One hundred Pounds
 each. I also release, and give to her all my
 Right and Interest in and upon a Bond of
 Five hundred Pounds due to me from her
 Son *Michael*. I also give her the Family
 Pictures of my Father, Mother and
 Aunts, and the Diamond Ring my Mo-
 ther wore, and her Golden Watch. I
 give to *Erasmus Lewis*, *Gilbert West*, Sir
Clement Cotterell, *William Rollinson*, *Na-
 thaniel Hook*, Esqs; and to Mrs. *Anne
 Arbutnot*, to each the Sum of Five
 Pounds, to be laid out in a Ring, or any
 Memorial of me; and to my Servant;
John Searl, who has faithfully and ably
 served me many Years, I give, and devise
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the Sum of One hundred Pounds over and above a Year's Wages to himself, and his Wife; and to the Poor of the Parish of *Twickenham*, Twenty Pounds to be divided among them by the said *John Searl*; and it is my Will, if the said *John Searl*, die before me, that the said Sum of One hundred Pounds go to his Wife or Children.

Item, I give, and devise to Mrs. *Martha Blount*, younger Daughter of Mrs. *Martha Blount*, late of *Welbeck-Street Cavendish-Square*, the Sum of One thousand Pounds immediately on my Decease; and all the Furniture of my Grotto, Urns in my Garden, Household

Goods, Chattels, Plate, or whatever is not otherwise disposed of in this my Will, I give and devise to the said Mrs. *Martha Blount*, out of a sincere Regard, and long Friendship for her : And it is my Will, that my abovesaid Executors, the Survivors or Survivor of them, shall take an Account of all my Estate, Money, or Bonds, &c. and after paying my Debts and Legacies, shall place out all the Residue upon Government, or other Securities, according to their best Judgment; and pay the Produce thereof, half-yearly, to the said Mrs. *Martha Blount*, during her natural Life : And after her Decease, I give the Sum of One thousand Pounds to Mrs. *Magdalen Racket*, and her Sons

Robert

Robert, Henry and John, to be divided equally among them, or to the Survivors or Survivor of them; and after the Decease of the said *Mrs. Martha Blount*, I give the Sum of Two hundred Pounds to the abovesaid *Gilbert West*; two hundred to *Mr. George Arbuthnot*; two hundred to his Sister, *Mrs. Anne Arbuthnot*; and One hundred to my Servant, *John Searl*, to which soever of these shall be then living: And all the Residue and Remainder to be considered as undisposed of, and go to my next of Kin. This is my last Will and Testament, written with my own Hand, and sealed with my Seal, this Twelfth Day of *December*, in the Year of our
 Lord

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Lord, One thousand, seven hundred and
forty-three.

ALEX. POPE.

*Signed, Sealed and De-
clared by the Testator,
as his last Will and
Testament, in Pre-
sence of us,
Radnor,*

*Stephen Hales, Minister of Teddington,
Joseph Spence, Professor of History, in
the University of Oxford.*

To God the Creator and best of Beings,
To *Alexander Pope*, a Gentlemen of Ho-
nesty, Probity and Piety, who liv'd
LXXV. Years, died M.DCC.XVII.

And to *Editba*, his Excellent and truly
Pious Wife, who lived XCIII. Years,
died M.DCC,XXXIII.

To his well-deserving Parents the Son
erected this, and to himself.

To God the Creator of all things
To whom we give a testimony of His
power, Prowise and Fidelity, who divideth
the Kingdom of the Earth

unto whom we pray for His Blessing and Increase
of His Word, which is the Life of the Soul
and the Joy of the Heart

To His well-beloved Son, the Son
of the Father, and to the Holy Spirit

