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Full transcript of Sir Walter Raleigh's Will of 1597*

There is a growing interest in the works of Sir Walter Raleigh or works that are attributed to him. While these have been getting a lot of attention lately, this is not the case with his will dated from 1597. Until now no full transcription of the will exists, mainly summaries were written about it. Therefore, my aim was to present the transcription of the whole will while maintaining its authenticity with keeping the original spelling as well as letter style, and correcting the use of capital letters and abbreviations. This was all possible because Sherborne Castle kindly sent me the original document I could work from. Besides giving a transcription, I shortly highlighted the historical context of the will, and gave a brief summary about the structure of will making, comparing it with Raleigh's. If someone in the future aims to analyse Raleigh's will, this transcription will ease the undertaking.

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Although the study of Sir Walter Raleigh's works has been enjoying increased attention nowadays, the same cannot be said of his will.¹ In contrast to his political writings (or writings attributed to him), the will has not been widely researched so far. Some scholars have already dealt with certain parts of the document, most notably Agnes Latham and Joyce Youings, the editors of *The Letters of Sir Walter Raleigh*.² They have transcribed a substantial portion of the will in an appendix, yet left out important parts.³ Moreover, they occasionally did not preserve the original form of the words, namely, Raleigh's use of capital letters or abbreviations. Shorter parts of the will can likewise be found in Latham's article "Sir Walter Raleigh's Will" in *The Review of English*

* Hereafter in the text I will use his name without the *i* as Raleigh, after Anna Beer, and also because in his will he wrote his name without it.

¹ I would like to thank Sherborne Castle for providing me with Raleigh's will, thus giving me the opportunity to create its full transcription.

² LATHAM – YOUINGS 1999.

³ I inserted these parts between asterisks in my transcription.

Studies,⁴ in the books entitled *Thomas Harriot: A Biography* by John W. Shirley,⁵ *Sir Walter Raleigh* by Raleigh Trevelyan⁶, and *Patriot or Traitor: The Life and Death of Sir Walter Raleigh* by Anna Beer⁷. Furthermore, there exists a catalogue-like list of subjects contained in the will authored by Ann Smith.⁸ Shorter references may exist in other works as well.

We already have summaries of the will's content, thus I do not intend to do that once more. These previously mentioned works were extremely useful and helped me to produce the full transcription. Throughout the entire transcription I aimed to preserve as much of the original as possible, maintaining its authenticity even in digital form as realistically as I could. I kept the original spelling and letter style of that time, but for ease of reading and understanding, I modernised the words in square brackets. According to Latham, the parameters of the document are 79 cm x 60 cm; therefore, I signalled every new line with a number in brackets. Before presenting the transcript, I have included a short note on why it was written and how wills were structured generally, comparing the standard model with the structure of Raleigh's will.

In 1597 Raleigh was to take part in a venture that history calls The Islands Voyage.⁹ Queen Elizabeth I wanted to capture and demolish Spain's treasure fleet; thus English ships were sent to the Azores, an expedition in which Raleigh served as rear admiral.¹⁰ Lack of money and her Majesty's late decision led to hurried planning and chaos.¹¹ The fleet left England on 10 July,¹² the day that Raleigh and his witnesses signed the will.¹³ In his will we can read that he had former wills,¹⁴ but the question arises: Why did he write a new and detailed one which he called his last will and testament immediately before departure? Several considerations undoubtedly played a role. By that time he had a wife, a son, and properties, and we cannot neglect the circumstance that he was wounded a year before at Cadiz. His leg was seriously damaged,¹⁵ an injury he described as a "grievous blow in my leg, larded with many splinters which I daily pull out. Yet I scam-bled ashore".¹⁶ He was left with a life-long limp, often needing to use a cane.¹⁷ Perhaps this experience led him to worry about a fatal wound at any moment.

⁴ LATHAM 1971.

⁵ SHIRLEY 1983.

⁶ TREVELYAN 2004.

⁷ BEER 2019.

⁸ Unpublished catalogue of Ann Smith in Sherborne Castle.

⁹ TREVELYAN 2004, p. 296.

¹⁰ BEER 2019, p. 67.

¹¹ BEER 2019, p. 67–68.

¹² BEER 2019, p. 69.

¹³ TREVELYAN 2004, p. 293.

¹⁴ "**And** [and] I doe [do] vtterlye [utterly] Revoke [revoke] [...] all my other e [and] former [former] wills" – bolded by D. P.

¹⁵ WALLACE 1959, p. 135

¹⁶ BEER 2019, p. 66.

¹⁷ WALLACE 1959, on the page between 50 and 51 below the eighth image.

The term *'last will and testament'* (as a phrase) was used in the early modern period when the person (testator) who was constructing his/her¹⁸ will¹⁹ intended to arrange the bequeathal of properties (goods, lands, or both).²⁰ It could also be used to set up guardianship for minors.²¹ It was part of the Christian belief that one had to manage his/her worldly possessions so that the soul could move on effortlessly,²² and it was especially the case for individuals of high rank.²³ Besides the inheritance of lands, a person created a will to provide for his children and/or wife. Furthermore, it was possible to donate some of his possessions to charity.²⁴

Following the laws of 1540 (Statute of Wills) and 1543, people could freely dispose of their lands (thus creating the 'will and testament' as a document)²⁵ unless they were knights—in that case they could only dispose 2/3 of the said lands²⁶ (and Raleigh had been a knight since 1585).²⁷ Subsequent to 1540 anyone wishing to bequeath his lands should have created a written will.²⁸

In the majority of cases, adult men composed wills if they preferred or had reason to do so.²⁹ After the Book of Common Prayer (1549) stressed the importance of being prepared (stating: "But men must be oft admonished that they set an ordre for their temporall goodees and landes when they be in helth.")³⁰, people started to draw up their advance directives more frequently.³¹ For instance, they could have written wills prior to a long journey, even if the testator was in perfect health.³² Raleigh also wrote his will before sailing to the Azores, and not on his deathbed.

Testaments were written on parchment or paper. The testator himself might prepare his own will (holograph), although it was more common to employ scribes.³³ In that case, the testator told his wishes to the scribe, who wrote the will later, frequently using formularies, and afterwards read the composed will out loud to the testator and his witnesses. If the testator approved, it was signed and sealed, thus making it legal (vital with wills concerning division of landed property).³⁴

¹⁸ Women were allowed to make wills if they were single or widowed, while married women needed their husband's consent. JAMES 2015. p. 18–19.

¹⁹ HOULBROOKE 1998. p. 81.

²⁰ HOULBROOKE 1998. p. 81.

²¹ HOULBROOKE 1998. p. 140.

²² HOULBROOKE 1998. p. 81.

²³ HOULBROOKE 1998. p. 82.

²⁴ RAYMOND 2012. p. 29.

²⁵ RAYMOND 2012. p. 16.

²⁶ HOULBROOKE 1998. p. 83.

²⁷ BEER 2019. p. 29.

²⁸ HOULBROOKE 1998. p. 88.

²⁹ RAYMOND 2012. p. 28.

³⁰ BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER 1549.

³¹ HOULBROOKE 1998. p. 82.

³² RAYMOND 2012. p. 30.

³³ RAYMOND 2012. p. 30–31.

³⁴ RAYMOND 2012. p. 31–32.

Wills displayed a number of formulaic characteristics: the preamble, identifying the testator and including his statement of faith; the bequests, naming his burial place, donations to charity, individual legacies (mainly to family, friends, and servants), and procedural designations; naming of the executor(s) and possibly overseers.³⁵ Then, together with the witnesses the testator signed and sealed it. If the will was proved, probate information could also be recorded at the foot or verso.³⁶

Preamble: conventionally, a will was personal and included a multitude of details.³⁷ At the beginning, we generally learn the name, titles and parish of the testator.³⁸ (Although, in Raleigh's case the parish is missing.) Usually the first or last paragraph contained the date³⁹ (here in the first line and at the end right before the list of witnesses), which is significant since the last will always invalidated any previous wills.⁴⁰ Together with the date in the first paragraph, the testator's physical health and state of mind were likewise noted.⁴¹ In general, there was a line which said, "weak in body but perfect in memory".⁴² In the will under analysis these were not stated since Raleigh was not dying. In most instances, wills begin with "In the name of God", followed by the testator's statement of faith and wishes, that his soul should go to God. Raleigh's will starts with the same line. He was labelled an atheist by some of his contemporaries, but whether he was one or not, these lines came less from real beliefs than from the scribes, who knew how to write wills with formularies,⁴³ so that the testament would have the characteristic features of a legal document.⁴⁴

Commonly, the place of burial and its manner is additionally mentioned.⁴⁵ Here there is no place of burial, but he leaves the right to his executor or overseers to have control over his body.

Bequests: Following the preamble, in the longest part of the will, the testator divides all his possessions.⁴⁶ In most cases bequests went to family members, but occasionally to friends or servants. In case of servants it was done with a practical purpose rather than out of generosity, that is, to ensure loyal service in the future.⁴⁷ (Raleigh's children are mentioned, his son Wat (at that time his only son), and his alleged daughter from Scotland (whose mother was Alice Goold who Raleigh was not married to).⁴⁸ By the primogeniture, the

³⁵ RAYMOND 2012. p. 55.

³⁶ RAYMOND 2012. p. 55.

³⁷ RAYMOND 2012. p. 43.

³⁸ RAYMOND 2012. p. 43.

³⁹ RAYMOND 2012. p. 44.

⁴⁰ RAYMOND 2012. p. 45.

⁴¹ HOULBROOKE 1998. p. 89.

⁴² RAYMOND 2012. p. 45.

⁴³ RAYMOND 2012. p. 45.

⁴⁴ RAYMOND 2012. p. 46.

⁴⁵ RAYMOND 2012. p. 47.

⁴⁶ RAYMOND 2012. p. 47.

⁴⁷ RAYMOND 2012. p. 48–49.

⁴⁸ BEER 2019. p. 83.

first son inherited his father's properties,⁴⁹ which we can likewise read here in the will. Nevertheless, there are additional items that Raleigh leaves to his wife (money for life, land and houses to use, household wealth, legal protection).⁵⁰ He also detailed the line of inheritance if his son dies.

After the listing of bequests, the testator named an executor,⁵¹ (a will only evolved into a testament as a result of this),⁵² whose purpose was to safeguard what is written in the will,⁵³ in this will he named his son executor in line 67. Naming overseers was similarly normal; their task was to secure that the executor does what is expected of him.⁵⁴ Raleigh also named them in lines 71 and 72: Thomas Harriot (Raleigh's friend⁵⁵), Arthur Throckmorton (Raleigh's brother-in-law⁵⁶), George Carew (Raleigh' kinsman⁵⁷), Alexander Brett (a Throckmortons relative⁵⁸),⁵⁹ not only to ensure that his wishes be carried out but to protect the interests of his four-year-old son.

Witnesses were crucial to verify the will and secure that there would be no deceit in the future, therefore "they could not be children, criminals, lunatics, or legatees".⁶⁰ "Sometimes the writer of the will recorded his identity by putting a note such as 'scr' or 'writer thereof' after his name."⁶¹ In the present case we have the signatures of the witnesses but no sign of a scribe, although it must have been written by one based on the handwriting. In Raleigh's will we can identify two different handwritings. One used in the majority of the will (Figure 1) and one just above the signings (Figure 3). But if we compare these with an autograph letter from Raleigh (Figure 2) then we can see that they do not match.



Figure 1: Handwriting of the will, Copyright: Sherborne Castle Estates

⁴⁹ RAYMOND 2012, p. 49.

⁵⁰ RAYMOND 2012, p. 50.

⁵¹ RAYMOND 2012, p. 54.

⁵² HOULBROOKE 1998, p. 81.

⁵³ RAYMOND 2012, p. 38.

⁵⁴ RAYMOND 2012, p. 55.

⁵⁵ BEER 2019, p. 5.

⁵⁶ BEER 2019, p. 11.

⁵⁷ BEER 2019, p. 30.

⁵⁸ TREVELYAN 2004, p. 294.

⁵⁹ SHIRLEY 1983, p. 324.

⁶⁰ RAYMOND 2012, p. 55.

⁶¹ HOULBROOKE 1998, p. 89.

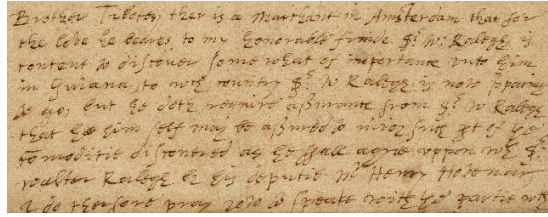


Figure 2: Raleigh's handwriting. Source: <https://digitalcollections.folger.edu/img116032>, - accessed 01-12-2025.

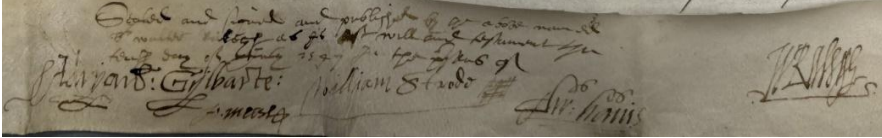


Figure 3: Handwriting at the bottom of the will, Copyright: Sherborne Castle Estates

"The sealing of wills had been common among wealthy and high-born testators long before 1500."⁶² In this instance we can note a seal and signature as well.

To execute a probate, a will had to be the person's last will, which made the given will the only legitimate one even if the person had written previous ones.⁶³ This explains in Raleigh's case why he used the term *last will and testament* 15 times. But we can find no date of probate, probably due to the fact Raleigh did not die during this journey. While the testator was alive and his will was not proved, it was only a private document, enabling the testator to make changes at any time.⁶⁴ If after the testator's death there was still no probate then it stayed as a private document.⁶⁵ This will was never sent to be proved thus never reached a probate collection as wills after probates usually did,⁶⁶ it was found in the early 1970s in Sherborne.⁶⁷

So, this was his only will, but he wanted to make sure that either he or his heir could keep Sherborne, thus he established a trust deed in January 1603 when the Queen's health was declining. His motivation could have been fear from not getting away from treachery or that his enemies will make it look like he committed treachery against the next king James I.⁶⁸

In all his life he chased glory and favour and tried to cling to what he had achieved and make a legacy that he could transmit to his son. But when James I came to the throne he fell out of favour and could not save anything as he was

⁶² HOULBROOKE 1998. p. 100.

⁶³ HOULBROOKE 1998. p. 89.

⁶⁴ FAIRBAIRN 2022. p. 6.

⁶⁵ FAIRBAIRN 2022. p. 4.

⁶⁶ WILL (<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/manuscriptsandspecialcollections/researchguidance/deeds/depth/associated/will.aspx> - accessed 04-01-2026).

⁶⁷ LATHAM 1971. p. 129.

⁶⁸ BEER 2019. p. 167.

locked in the Tower, as Anna Beer put it: "Sir Walter Raleigh, the man, was declared legally dead" and lost everything.⁶⁹

Herein follows the text of Raleigh's will.

(1) **In the name**⁷⁰ of god [God] the Father the fonne [Son]⁷¹ e [and] the holye [Holy] ghoſte [Ghost] Three [three] pſons [persons] and one god [God] The [the] eighth Daye [day] of Iulye [July] Anno Dñi. [Domini.]⁷² 1597. I walter [Walter] Raleghe of Colliton Raleghe in the Countye [county] of Devoñ kinghte [knight] Captaine [Captain] of her Ma^{te} [Majesty's]⁷³ garde [guard] and Lord Warden of the Stanneryes [Stannaries]⁷⁴ in the //⁷⁵

(2) Countyes [counties] of Devoñ e[and] Cornewall [Cornwall] acknowledginge [acknowledging] that all fleſhe [flesh] ys [is] graſſe [grass] and that the Daye [day] of o^r [our] birthe [birth] ys [is] the firſte [first] ſteppe [stepp] to Death [death] though the hower be vncertaine [uncertain] when the ſpiritt [spirit] ſhall [shall] retorne [return] to the lord [Lord] that gave it doe [do] ordeyne [ordain] Declare [declare] e [and] make this my laſte [laſt] will e [and] Teſtament [testament] in //

(3) manner⁷⁶ e [and] effecte [effect] followinge [following] **Firſte** [first] I humblye [humbly] reſtore [restore] my ſole [soul] to that moſte [moſt] bleſſed [blessed] e [and] indiviſible [indivisible] Trinitey [Trinity] one god [God] moſt [moſt] glorious [glorious] almightye [almighty] e [and] eternall [eternal] on Whome [whom] by mercy [mercy] e [and] grace I firmlye [firmly] relye [rely] by faith [faith] for the remiſſyon [remiſſion] of my finnes [sins] And [and] Diligentye [diligently] attende [attend] by grace euerlaſtinge [everlaſting] vnſpeakable [unſpeakable] and //

(4) moſt [moſt] comfortable heavenlye [heavenly] bliſſe [bliss], As [as] for my bodye [body] I will it be beſtowed [beſtowed] wth [with] all Due [due] righte [right] appteyninge [appertaining] to the ſame [same] by the Diſcreçõ [discretion] of my executo^r [executor] or my Deere [dear] Friende [friends] my overſeers [overseers] of this my laſt [laſt] will **And** [and] as concerninge [concerning] all my Signioryes [seignories] Hono [honours] & Caſtells [castles] Manno [manors] & Lande [lands] Tenem^{te} [tenements] //

(5) e [and] Heredytam^{te} [hereditaments] wthin [within] the Realme [Realm] of Ireland my Will [will] is That [that] my Brother [brother] Adryan [Adrian] Gilberte [Gilbert] ſhall [shall] haue [have] yfſuinge [iſſuing] out of the ſame [same] one Yearelye [yearly] Rent [rent] of one hundred pounde [pounds] of Currant [currant] engliſhe [English] moneye [money] duringe [during] the tearme [term] of the naturall [natural] liffe [life] of the ſaid [said] Adryan [Adrian] Gilberte [Gilbert] payable at the Feaſte [feasts] //

(6) of S^t [St] michaell [Michael] Tharkangell [the Archangel] and Thannucacoñ [the Annunciation] of o^r [our] bleſſed [blessed] ladye [lady] S^t [St] marye [Mary] the virgin

⁶⁹ BEER 2019, p. 188.

⁷⁰ I intentionally kept certain words bolded in the transcript which were also bolded in the will.

⁷¹ The text used 3 different letters for today's s. Where the original text used *f*, I kept it for starting or inside words.

⁷² I used lines above certain letters where the original text also did. Usually signalling an abbreviation with a few exceptions.

⁷³ Throughout the text I used superscripts where the original text also did.

⁷⁴ Another kind of s was used at the end of certain words; I signalled them with italics.

⁷⁵ // indicates a new line in the manuscript, and I give the number of the new line in parentheses.

⁷⁶ Where they used their own letter for the abbreviation of the letters *er*, I used italics for the *er* letters.

[Virgin] yearelye [yearly] by even e [and] equall [equal] porcōns [portions] duringe [during] the faid [said] Tearme [term] All [all] Wth [with] faid [said] Signioryes [seigniories] *Hono [honours] & Castells [Castles] manno [manors] & Lande [lands] Tenem^{te} [tenements] e [and] Heredytam^{te} [hereditaments]* I will e [and] bequeath to walter [Walter] Ralegh esquire [esquire] my fonne [son] e [and] heire [heir] //

(7) apparent [apparent] and to his heires [heirs] for euer [ever] **Provided** [provided] *and my Will [will] is that my faid [said] fonne [son] fhall [shall] pmitt [permit] e [and] fuffer [suffer] the faid [said] Adryan [Adrian] Gilberte [Gilbert] to haue [have] and take foe [so] much of the Rente [rents] e [and] pfitte [profits] of the faid [said] Lande [lands] and Tenem^{te} [tenements] as fhall [shall] amounte [amount] to the yearelye [yearly] value of one hundred pounce [pounds] duringe [during] the naturall [natural] //

(8) liffe [life] of the faid [said] Adryan [Adrian] yf [if] the faid [said] Adryan [Adrian] be not otherwife [otherwise] fatified [satisfied] of the Yearelye [yearly] Rente [rent] of one hundred pounce [pounds] aforefaid [aforesaid] accordinge [according] to the true meaninge [meaning] of this my laft [last] Will [will] e [and] Testam^t [testament]* **And** [and] my Will [will] ys [is] That [that] all my faid [said] Signiories [seigniories] *Hono [honours] & Castells [castles] manno [manors] & Lande [lands] Tenem^{te} [tenements] e [and] Heredytam^{te} [hereditaments] //

(9) aforefaid [aforesaid]* wthin [within] the faid [said] Realme [Realm] of Ireland and all other my lande [lands] Tenem^{te} [tenements] e [and] Heredytam^{te} [hereditaments] of inherytance [inheritance] wthin [within] the Realme [Realm] of England of What [what] nature foeuer [soever] they be of fhalle [shall be] to the heires [heirs] Males [males] of my bodye [body] lawfully begotten And [and] for Defaulte [default] of fuch [such] yffue [issue] *to the heires [heirs] of my bodye [body] lawfullye [lawfully] //

(10) begotten And [and] for Defaulte [default] of fuch [such] yffue [issue]* to Dame Elizabeth my now Wiffe [wife] for tearme [term] of her liffe [life] And [and] after her Deceafe [decease] to the right heires [heirs] of me the faid [said] S^r [Sir] walter [Walter] Ralegh **And** [and] as touchinge [touching] my tearme [term] or tearmes [terms] for yeares [years] in the Castell [castles] Lordshippe [lordships] Manno [manors] & lande [lands] Tenem^{te} [tenements] libertyes [liberties] //

(11) and hunderede [hundreds] of Sherborne newland [Newland] Casteltowne [Castletown] wotton [Wotton] whitefeilde [Whitefield] yetminfter [Yetminster] e [and] Candell Bifhoppe [Bishop's Caundle] in the Countye [county] of Dorfe^t [Dorset] or Souerfe^t [Somerset] and all other Lande [lands] Tenem^{te} [tenements] Rente [rents] pfitte [profits] e [and] hereditam^{te} [hereditaments] wthin [within] the hundrede [hundreds] of Sherborne e [and] yetminfter [Yetminster] or anie [any] of them late pcell [parcel] of the poffeffion [possession] of the //

(12) Bifhoprike [Bishopric] of Saſe [Salisbury] or of anie [any] other pfon [person] or pfons [persons] whatfoeuer [whatsoever] I will and bequeathe [bequeath] the occupacōn [occupation] e [and] profit [profit] thereof to the faid [said] Dame Elizabeth my Wiffe [wife] vntill [until] my faid [said] fonne [son] Walter Ralegh (or yf [if] he Dye [dies] to anie [any] other my heire [heirs] of my bodye [body] male or Female [female] to Whome [whom] the fame [same] by //

(13) this my laft [last] will e [and] Testam^t [testament] fhalle [shall be] bequeathed) fhalle [shall be] married [married] or accomplifhe [accomplish] the full age of one e [and] Twentye [twenty] yeares [years] yf [if] the faid [said] Elizabeth [Elizabeth] fhall [shall] foe [so] longe [long] lyve [live] **And** [and] my Will [will] is That [that] at the tyme [time] of my faid [said] fonnes [sons] or heires [heirs] marryage [marriage] aforefaid [aforesaid] or at fuch [such] tyme [time] as my faid [said] fonne [son] //

(14) or anie [any] my heire [heirs] aforefaid [aforesaid] fhall [shall] accomplifhe [accomplish] the age of one e [and] Twentye [twenty] yeares [years] aforefaid [aforesaid] or at the tyme [time] of the Death [death] of the faid [said] Elizabeth [Elizabeth] or at either of the faid [said] tymes [times] firft [first] happeninge [happening] That [that] then my faid [said] tearme [term] or tearmes [terms] of yeares [years] of the faid [said] Caftell [castles] *lordfhipps [lordships] //

(15) manno [manors] & Lande [lands] Tenem^{te} [tenements] libertyes [liberties] e [and] hundrede [hundreds] of Sherborne newland [Newland] Caftelltowne [Castletown] wotton [Wotton] whitefeild [Whitefield] yetminfter [Yetminster] and Candell Bifhoppe [Bishop's Caundle] aforefaid [aforesaid] and all other Lande [lands] Tenem^{te} [tenements] Rente [rents] pfitte [profits] e [and] hereditam^{te} [hereditaments] aforefaid [aforesaid] wthin [within] the faid [said] hundrede [hundreds] of Sherborne or Yetminster [Yetminster]* fhallbe [shall be] //

(16) e [and] remaine [remain] to my faid [said] fonne [son] walter [Walter] Raleghe for by e [and] Duriage [during] all the faid [said] feuerall [several] tearmes [terms] then to come or vnexpired [unexpired] of e [and] in the fame [same] Item [item] as touchinge [touching] my leafe [lease] tearme [term] e [and] interefte [interest] for yeares [years] to me granted by o^r [our] foueraigne [sovereign] Ladye [lady] the queenes [Queen's] ma^{tie} [Majesty] that nowe [now] ys [is] by her //

(17) highnes [Highness] leſ [letters] patente [patents] vnder [under] the greate [Great] feale [Seal] of England of full power libertye [liberty] intereft [interest] e [and] authoritye [authority] concerninge [concerning] the granntinge [granting] e [and] erectinge [erecting] geevinge [giving] or makinge [making] of licences for the vtteringe [uttering] retaile [retail] or fayle [sale] of wyne [wines] e [and] keepinge [keeping] of Tauernes [taverns] throughout her Ma^{tie} [Majesty's] Realme [Realme] of //

(18) England e [and] Domyinions [dominions] of Wales wth [with] all my Rente [rents] Reuenues [revenues] yearelye [yearly] fomes [sums] pfitte [profits] e [and] comodities [commodities] for or in respecte [respect] or anie [any] wife [wise] touchinge [touching] or concerninge [concerning] the fame [same] licence [licences] e [and] makinge [making] e [and] granntinge [granting] of licences as aforefaid [aforesaid]. I declare my will e [and] teftam^t [testament] to be And [and] I geeve [give] legate e [and] bequeath //

(19) my faid [said] tearme [term] of Yeares [years] in e [and] concerninge [concerning] the fame [same] licences and makinge [making] of licences and all my Rente [rents] Reuenues [revenues] yearelye [yearly] foomes [sums] e [and] paym^{te} [payments] and all Counterpte [counterparts] of licences, bonde [bonds] obligacōs [obligations] e [and] other eſcripte [eſcripts] e [and] affurances [assurances] to me or to my vſe [use] made concerninge [concerning] the fame [same] in anie [any] Degree [degree] to my //

(20) faid [said] fonne [son] Walter Raleghe: But neuertheleſſe [nevertheless] thintente [the intents] meaninge [meanings] uſes [uses] purpoſes [purposes] e [and] effecte [effects] followinge [following] That [that] ys [is] to faye [say] To [to] thende [the end] vſe [use] e [and] intent, And [and] my Will [will] ys [is] that my faid [said] wiffe [wife] fhall [shall] yearelye [yearly] e [and] yeare [year] by yeare [year] haue [have] e [and] receaue [receive] in vppon [upon] and by the Rente [rents] or yearelye [yearly] paym^{te} [payments] referued [reserved] or granted //

(21) for or in respecte [respect] of the faid [said] licences the yearelye [yearly] foom [sum] of Fyve [five] hundred ponde [pounds] at the Feaſte [feasts] of S^t [St] michaell [Michael] Tharkangel [the Archangel] e [and] of Thannuncacōn [the Annunciation] of o^r [our] ladye [lady] S^t [St] marye [Mary] by even porcōs [portions] at the hande [hands] of my overfeers [overseers] vntill [until] my faid [said] fonne [son] fhallbe [shall

be] married [married] or fhall [shall] or maye [may] by computacōn [computation] of tyme [time] come to thage [the age] of XXI. yeares [years] //

(22) yf [if] he fhall [shall] foe [so] longe [long] lyve [live] And [and] after my faid [said] fonne [son] fhallbe [shall be] or might be by computacōn [computation] of tyme [time] of full age That [that] then my faid [said] wiffe [wife] fhall [shall] haue [have] e [and] Receave [receive] the faid [said] yearelye [yearly] foome [sum] or paymt^t [payment] at the feafte [feasts] aforefaid [aforesaid] Durlinge [during] my tearme [term] therein yf [if] fhee [she] fhall [shall] foe [so] longe [long] lyve [live] by the hande [hands] //

(23) e [and] Deliuerye [delivery] of my faid [said] fonne [son] in by e [and] out of the faid [said] yearelye [yearly] Rente [rents] foomes [sums] e [and] annuall [annual] paym^{te} [payments] Referved [reserved] grannted [granted] or agreed vppon [upon] for touchinge [touching] or in Refpette [respect] of the faid [said] licences, Allwais [always] willinge [willing] ordeyninge [ordaining] and my full mynde [mind] ys [is] That [that] my faid [said] ouerfeers [overseers] fhall [shall] haue [have] the orderinge [ordering] //

(24) vfance [usance] e [and] gouernm^t [government] of my faid [said] tearme [term] right e [and] intereft [interest] for the granntinge [granting] of licences as is aforefaid [aforesaid] for thofe [those] e [and] benifitt [benefit] of my faid [said] fonne [son] And [and] for the paymt^t [payment] and Difcharge [discharge] of the faid [said] yearelye [yearly] foome [sum] of Fyve [five] hundred pounce [pounds] to my faid [said] wiffe [wife] vppon [upon] accompt to my faid [said] fonne [son] //

(25) to be made vntill [until] my faid [said] fonne [son] be married [married] or be of full age and noe [no] longer **And** [and] I geeve [give] Difpofe [dispose] e [and] bequathe [bequeath] all that cheefe [chief] meffuage [messuage] or Tenem^t [tenement] and all fuch [such] meffuage [messuages] Tenem^{te} [tenements] Lande [lands] and hereditam^{te} [hereditaments] as I haue [have] or ought or fhall [shall] or maye [may] haue [have] in poffōn [possession] Reuercōn [reversion] or Remainder [remainder] wth [with] //

(26) there Righte [right] members e [and] appe^{ten}ance [appurtenances] in Hafelberye Plucknet [Haselbury Plucknett] in the Countye [county] of Souerfe^t [Somerset] vnto [unto] the faid [said] Elizabeth my Wiffe [wife] Durlinge [during] all my tearme [terms] and intrefte [interests] therein yf [if] fhee [she] fhall [shall] foe [so] longe [long] lyve [live]: Provided allwais [always] that fhee [she] fhall [shall] not falle [fall] cutt [cut] dwne [down] wafte [waste] nor deftroye [destroy] //

(27) the tymber [timber] Woode [woods] nor Coppices [coppices] ftandinge [standing] or growinge [growing] vppon [upon] the fame [same] Fearme [farms] or Tenem^{te} [tenements] or anie [any] of them. **All** w^{ch} [which] faid [said] woode [woods] e [and] Coppices [coppices] I geeve [give] e [and] Devife [devise] to my faid [said] fonne [son] e [and] his affignes [assignees] And [and] yf [if] my Wiffe [wife] fhall [shall] happen to Dye [die] before thend [the end] e [and] expiracōn [expiration] of the faid [said] tearme [term] //

(28) Then [then] I geeve [give] e [and] Difpofe [dispose] the fame [same] leafe [lease] *tearme [term] eftate [estate] e [and] yeares [years] and all the faid [said] meffuages [messuages] Cotage [cottages] Lande [lands] Tenem^{te} [tenements] e [and] Hereditam^{te} [hereditaments]* in Hafelberye Plucknett [Haselbury Plucknett] aforefaid [aforesaid] in the fame [same] leafe [lease] eftate [estate] or tearme [term] mencōned [mentioned] vnto [unto] my faid [said] fonne [son] Walter Raleghe and his affignes [assignees] **Item** [item] //

(29) I will Devife [devise] e [and] bequathe [bequeath] to my faid [said] fonne [son] the leafe [lease] of Spilmane [Spilman] her Ma^{te} [Majesty's] Iuillers [Jewel] houfe [House] neere [near] Durham houfe [House] London and all the eftate [estate] tearme [terms] of Yeares [years] e [and] Demaunde [demands] therewth [therewith] to Reedeeme

[redeem] twoe [two] greate [great] flagons of filver [silver] gilte [gilt] wayinge [weighing] fix [six] e [and] Twentye [twenty] //

(30) pounce [pounds] eight ounces or there aboute [abouts] Allfoe [also] twoe [two] greate [great] filver [silver] potte [pots] gilte [gilt] of the fame [same] suite [suit] wayinge [weighing] Twentye [twenty] pounce [pounds] Ten [ten] ounces or there aboute [abouts] And [and] one Silver [silver] Bafon [basin] and one Ewer [ewer] wayinge [weighing] XXVIIen [XXVII] pounce [pounds] or thereaboute [there abouts] The [the] W^{ch} [which] I allfoe [also] geeve [give] //

(31) to my faid [said] fonne [son] Walter Raleghe I geeve [give] allfoe [also] to my faid [said] fonne [son] Walter one bed fteede [bedstead] of mother pele [pearl] and one Chyna [China] bed of filke [silk] ymbrodered [imbordered] wth [with] filke [silk] e [and] China [China] Gould [gold] wth [with] the bedfted [bedstead] guilte [gilt] e [and] furniture thereto belonginge [belonging] and eight peeces [pieces] of my Richeft [richest] hanginge [hangings] havinge [having] //

(32) my armes [arms] on them. **And** moreouer [moreover] I geue [give] e [and] bequeath to my faid [said] fonne [son] walter [Walter] Raleghe one fuite [suit] of Porcelane [porcelain] fett [set] in filver [silver] e [and] gylt [gilt] That [that] ys [is] to faye [say] twoe [two] bafons [basins] e [and] Eweres [ewers] wth [with] twoe [two] flaggons [flagons] and twoe [two] boles [bowls] futable [suitable] willinge [willing] e [and] appointinge [appointing] hereby That [that] yf [if] my faid [said] fonne [son] //

(33) fhall [shall] happen to Dye [die] wthout [without] heire [heir] of his bodye [body] before he be of full age That [that] then my Right [right] Honorable [honourable] good Frinde [friend] S^r [Sir] Robbe [Robert] Cecill [Cecil] fhall [shall] haue [have] the faid [said] whole fuite [suit] of porcelane [porcelain] foe [so] bequeathed to my fonne [son] **And** [and] further I geve [give] to my faid [said] fonne [son] The [the] moyetye [moiety] //

(34) of all my plate [plates] bedinge [beddings] houfeholdftuffe [household stuff] furniture of houfe [house] Jewels [jewels] my Wyves [wife's] pls [pearls] expected And [and] the other Moyetye [moiety] I doe [do] give and bequeath together [together] wth [with] my Wives [wife's] pls [pearls] aforefaid [aforesaid] vnto [unto] the faid [said] Elizabeth my nowe [now] Wiffe [wife] Provided [provided] allwais [always] and my meaninge [meaning] //

(35) ys [is] That [that] yf [if] my faid [said] fonne [son] fhall [shall] happen to Dye [die] before he be married [married] or of full age and haue [have] noe [no] heire [heir] of his bodye [body] That [that] then The [the] faid [said] Elizabeth my wiffe [wife] fhall [shall] haue [have] all the Refidue [residue] of my faid [said] plate [plates] beddinge [beddings] houfehold [household] ftuffe [stuff] furniture of houfe [house] e [and] //

(36) Jewels [jewels] **Item** [item] the Statute [statutes] of my lord of huntington [Huntington] and of S^r [Sir] John Throkemorton [Throckmorton] Deceased [deceased] and one obligacōn [obligation] of Fyve [five] hundred pounce [pounds] of the nowe [now] Earle [Earl] of Derbye [Deby] I will That [that] the benefitt [benefit] thereof fhall be [shall be] ymployed [employed] by my ouerfeers [overseers] of this my lafte [last] ~ //

(37) will e [and] Testam^t [testament] to the paym^t [payment] of my Debte [debts] and the Remaine [remain] thereof to be Divided [divided] betweene [between] the faid [said] Elizabeth my Wiffe [wife] and the faid [said] walter [Walter] Ralegh my fonne [son] prayinge [praying] my faid [said] ouerfeers [overseers] That [that] they Will [will] take e [and] haue [have] a fpecyall [special] care That [that] fuch [such] foomes [sums] of moneye [money] //

(38) as fhall [shall] Yearelye [yearly] e [and] from tyme [time] to tyme [time] be Receaved [received] by them maye [may] be converted to a reafonable [reasonable]

pfitt [profit] e [and] benifitt [benefit] for the vse [use] e [and] behouffe [behoof] of the faid [said] Walter Raleghe my sonne [son] vntill [until] he fhalle [shall be] married [married] or accompliſhe [accomplish] the age of XXI yeares [years] ~ //

(39) **Item** [item] I will ordeyne [ordain] e [and] appointe [appoint] that foe [so] foone [soon] as my Debte [debts] are paid e [and] dulye [duly] Difcharged [discharged] wthout [without] fraude [fraud] or Delayed [delayed] practife [practice] w^{ch} [which] I ſpeciallye [ſpecially] Will [will] e [and] earneſtlye [earnestly] Require [require] be not attempted nor vfed [used] in anie [any] forte [ſort] That [that] then Thom^{as} Harryott [Thomas Harriot] of London gen^t [gentleman] fhall [shall] yearelye [yearly] //

(40) at the feaſte [feasts] of S^t [St] michaell [Michael] Tharkangell [the Archangel] and Thannucacōn [the Annunciation] of or [our] ladye [lady] the virgin [Virgin] Duringe [during] my faid [said] tearme [term] grannted [granted] for or in Reſpecte [reſpect] of the makinge [making] of licences for the fale [ſale] or Retayle [retail] of Wynes [wines] e [and] kepinge [keeping] of Tauernes [taverns] aforeſaid [aforesaid] yf [if] the faid [said] Thom^{as} Herryott [Thomas Harriot] //

(41) fhall [shall] foe [so] longe [long] lyve [live] haue [have] e [and] Receave [receive] out of the faid [said] Rente [rents] Reveneues [revenues] e [and] paym^{te} [payments] touchinge [touching] the faid [said] Licences [licences] one Anuitye [annuity] or yearelye [yearly] ſoome [ſum] of one hundred ponde [pounds] by the hande [hands] of ſuch [ſuch] pſone [perſon] and pſons [perſons] as by this my laſte [laſt] will fhall [shall] or ought ~ //

(42) to haue [have] the rule eſtate [eſtate] e [and] gouernm^t [government] of the faid [said] tearme [term] concerninge [concerning] the faid [said] licences accordinge [according] to the p^oorte [purported] and trewe [true] meaninge [meaning] hereof Moreouer [moreover] I geeve [give] to the faid [said] Thom^{as} Harryott [Thomas Harriot] all my bookes [books] e [and] the furniture in his owne [own] Chamber [chamber] and in my bedchamber in Durham //

(43) houſe [House] Together [together] Wth [with] all ſuch [ſuch] blacke [black] fuite [ſuit] of appellas [apparels] I haue [have] in the ſame [ſame] houſe [house]. **Item** I will e [and] ordeyne [ordain] That [that] all thoſe [thoſe] my Three [three] pte [parts] in the ſhippe [ſhip] called the Robucke [Roebuck] wth [with] her Ancores [anchors] Tackle [tackle] e [and] furniture and all my Artylerye [artillery] and great ordinance [ordnance] therein fhalle [shall be] ſold [ſold] ~ //

(44) by my faid [said] ouerſeers [overseers] And [and] of the moneye [money] and pfitte [profits] there vpon [upon] Riſinge [riſing] I will that my Reputed [reputed] Daughter [daughter] begotten on the bodye [body] of Alice Gould now in Ireland fhall [shall] haue [have] the ſoome [ſum] of Fyve [five] hundredth [hundred] Markes [marks] That [that] Thom^{as} Harryott [Thomas Harriot] fhall [shall] haue [have] twoe [two] hundred ponde [pounds] ~ //

(45) Allſoe [also] Lawrence Keymiſhe [Kemys] one hundred ponde [pounds] And [and] I will That [that] the Reſidue [reſidue] of the moneye [money] e [and] pfitte [profits] of the faid [said] ſhippe [ſhip] wth [with] her furniture e [and] ordnance [ordnance] fhalle [shall be] ymployed [employed] converted e [and] beſtowed [beſtowed] by my faid [said] ouerſeers [overseers] towarde [towards] e [and] for the paym^t [payment] of my Debte [debts]. **Item** I geeve [give] //

(46) to S^r [Sir] Arthur Throkemorton [Throckmorton] my beſte [beſt] horſe [horse] and my beſt [beſt] ſaddell [ſaddle] wth [with] the furniture: To S^r [Sir] George Carewe [Carew] my next beſt [beſt] horſe [horse] e [and] ſadell [ſaddle] And [and] to Alexander Brett my longe [long] Blacke [black] velvett [velvet] cloake [cloak] now in my Wardrobe

[wardrobe] at Durham houfe [House] And [and] I geeve [give] to my living [living] kinfman [kinsman] Arthur //

(47) Gorges my beft [best] Rapyer [rapier] e [and] Dagger [dagger] And [and] I cleerelye [clearly] e [and] freelye [freely] acquite [acquit] Release [release] e [and] Difcharge [discharge] him of e [and] for all debte [debts] and foomes [sums] of moneye [money] to me by him Due [due] in anie [any] forte [sort]. **Provided** and my further will ys [is] concerninge [concerning] all my leafes [leases] *e [and] Lande [lands] Tenem^{te} [tenements] e [and] heredytam^{te} [hereditaments] aforefaid [aforesaid]* wthin [within] the hundrede [hundreds] of //

(48) Sherborne e [and] yetminfter [Yetminster] aforefaid [aforesaid] *That [that] yf [if] my faid [said] fonne [son] walter [Walter] Raleghe Doe [does] Dye [die] before he fhalle [shall be] marryed [married] or accomplishe [accomplish] the age of XXI yeares [years] That [that] then the fame [same] Leafe [leases] Lande [lands] Tenem^{te} [tenements] e [and] Heredytam^{te} [hereditaments] fhall [shall] Remaine [remain] to the next heire [heir] male of the bodye [body] of me the faid [said] Sr [Sir] walter [Walter] //

(49) Raleghe whenthe [when the] faid [said] next heire [heir] male fhalle [shall be] marryed [married] or be of the age of XXI yeares [years] **Provided** [provided] That [that] yf [if] my faid [said] next heire [heir] male of my bodye [body] doe [does] Dye [die] vnmarryed [unmarried] or before [or before] he fhall [shall] accomplishe [accomplish] the age of XXI yeares [years] or of [if] I fhall [shall] haue [have] noe [no] heire [heir] male that fhall [shall] accomplishe [accomplish] fuch [such] age //

(50) or be marryed [married] Then [then] my Will [will] ys [is] That [that] the fame [same] Leafe [leases] Lande [lands] Tenem^{te} [tenements] e [and] heredytam^{te} [hereditaments] fhalle [shall be] e [and] Remaine [remain] to the heires [heirs] femalle [female] of my bodye [body] And [and] for want of such yffue [issue] to Elizabeth my Wiffe [wife] duringe [during] foe [so] much of the tearme [term] or tearmes [terms] in the fame [same] as fhalle [shall be] then to come or //

(51) vnexpired [unexpired] yf [if] the faid [said] Elizi [Elizabeth] foe [so] longe [long] fhall [shall] lyve [live]* And [and] after her Deathe [death] to fuch [such] pfon [person] or pfon [persons] as I the faid [said] Sr [Sir] walter [Walter] Ralegh fhall [shall] nomynate [nominate] or appointe [appoint] in Writinge [writing] subscribed [subscribed] wth [with] my figne [sign] or hand Writinge [handwriting] **Provided** [provided] allfoe [also] e [and] my will ys [is] That [that] foe [so] longe [long] as I the //

(52) faid [said] Sr [Sir] walter [Walter] Ralegh or my fonne [son] Walter Raleghe haue [have] anie [any] yffue [issue] ~s [issues] either of or [our] bodyes [bodies] The [the] faid [said] Elizabeth [Elizabeth] my Wiffe [wife] fhall [shall] not make anie [any] grannte [grants] by Copie [copy] of Courte [court] Role [role] by her felfe [herself] or anie [any] of her officers of anie [any] of the p^miffes [premisses] lafte [last] bequeathed nor //

(53) fhall [shall] difpke [dispark] my pke [park] of Sherborne or plough vpp [up] anie [any] parte [parts] of the fame [same] pke [park] or comitt [commit] anie [any] Wilfull [wilful] wafte [waste] fpoyle [spoil] or diftruccōn [destruction] in the faid [said] Caftell [castle] or in other the p^miffes [premisses] or newe [new] erected buildinge [buildings] in the faid [said] pke [park] gardens orcharde [orchards] walkes [walks] Fische pounce [fishponds] Conduit [conduit] pipes of lead //

(54) Tymber [timber] Trees [trees] newe [new] planted Trees [trees] or hedges in the fame [same] parke [park], nor fhall [shall] take anie [any] Woode [woods] or VnderWoode [under woods] out of the feuerall [several] grounde [grounds] inclofed [enclosed] called by the name of Honycombe woode [Honeycombe Woods] Thornye

leaze [Thorny Pasture] Whitefeild Woode [Whitefield Woods] or Candell Woode [Bishop's Caundle Woods] pcell [parcel] of the p'miffes [premisses]. **Provided** // (55) allfoe [also] and my Will [will] ys [is] *That [that]* wherefoeuer [wheresoever] I haue [have] bequeathed by this my Will [will] to my faid [said] fonne [son] walter [Walter] Raleghe anie [any] Legacye [legacy] or legacyes [legacies] of anie [any] goode [goods] and Chattells [chattels] Iewels [jewels], plate [plates] bedinge [beddings] e [and] houfhold [household] stuffe [stuff] (The [the] leafes [leases] *Lande [lands] Tenem^{te} [tenements] e [and] heredytam^{te} [hereditaments] aforefaid [aforesaid])* in the // (56) Hundrede [hundreds] of Sherborne e [and] yeatminfter [Yetminster] aforefaid [aforesaid] onlye [only] excepted) *And [and] after my faid [said] fonne [son] Walter to anie [any] other pfone [person] or pfonns [persons] or to anie [any] other pfone [person] or pfonns [persons] and after to my faid [said] Sonne [son] Walter Raleghe or to my faid [said] fonne [son] walter [Walter] Ralegh allone [alone]. ~ // (57) my will e [and] meaninge [meaning] ys [is] That [that] yf [if] my faid [said] fonne [son] Walter Ralegh Doe [does] Dye [die] before he fhallbe [shall be] marryed [married] or accomplishe [accomplish] the age of XXI yeares [years] And [and] That [that] yf [if] I the faid [said] Sr [Sir] walter [Walter] Raleghe haue [have] anie [any] other heire [heir] male or Femalle [female] of my bodye [body] That [that] from the faid [said] ~ // (58) heire [heir] male or heire [heir] Female [female] in Defaulte [default] of heire [heir] male fhall [shall] haue [have] all e [and] euerye [every] Legacye [legacy] e [and] legacies [legacies] except before in this provifo [proviso] excepted geven [given] or bequeathed vnto [unto] him the faid [said] walter [Walter] Raleghe my fonne [son] in fuch [such] manno^r [manner] e [and] forme [form] and at fuch [such] tyme [time] of his or her // (59) marryage [marriage] or his or her age of XXI yeares [years] or otherwife [otherwise] as the faid [said] walter [Walter] Raleghe my fonne [son] fhould [should] might or ought to haue [have] the fame [same].* **Item** I geeve [give] to my fervant [servant] John meere [Meere] of Castelrowne [Castletown] aforefaid [aforesaid] one Annuall [annual] or yearelye [yearly] Rent [rent] of ~ // (60) Twentye [twenty] pounce [pounds] of Currant [currant] englilh [English] moneye [money] to be paid him yearelye [yearly] out of e [and] from my manno^r [manors] Lande [lands] e [and] Tenem^{te} [tenements] in Sherborne aforefaid [aforesaid] at the fower [four] moft [most] vfuall [usual] feafte [feasts] and tearmes [terms] of the Yeare [year] by even e [and] equall [equal] porcõns [portions] duringe [during] all my tearme [terms] that I haue [have] yet to come amonge [among] // (61) other thinge [things] of e [and] in my manno^r [manors] of Sherborne aforesaid [aforesaid] yf [if] the faid [said] John Meere foe [so] longe [long] fhall [shall] lyve [live], Charginge [charging] e [and] Requiringe [requiring] him hereby That [that] he Doe [does] contynue [continue] like faithfull [faithful] e [and] diligent fervant [servant] to my said Wiffe [wife] e [and] fonne [son] as he hath [has] byn [been] to me And [and] // (62) wth [with] all by all diligent care to be aidge [aiding] vnto [unto] my faid [said] wiffe [wife] e [and] fonne [son] for the better effectinge [effecting] of this my laft [last] will e [and] Teftam^t [testament] accordinge [according] to my true meaninge [meaning]. All the refte [rest] of my goode [goods] Shippinge [shippings], ordynance [ordnances] Debte [debts] e [and] Chattells [chattels] whatfoeuer [whatsoever] they be not // (63) alreadye [already] geven [given] and bequeathed I doe [do] geeve [give] and bequeath to the faid [said] walter [Walter] Ralegh my fonne [son] when he fhallbe [shall be] marryed [married] or accomplishe [accomplish] the age of XXI Yeares [years] *And [and] yf [if] the faid [said] walter [Walter] Ralegh my fonne [son] happen to Dye [die] before he be marryed [married] or fhall [shall] //

(64) accomplishe [accomplish] the full age of XXI yeares [years] or at anie [any] tyme [time] after hauinge [having] noe [no] heire [heir] male of his bodye [body] Then [then] I doe [do] geve [give] the fame [same] goode [goods] Shippinge [shippings] ordynance [ordnances] Debte [debts] e [and] Chattells [chattels] vunto [unto] the next heire [heir] male of my bodye [body] when the faid [said] next //

(65) heire [heir] male of my bodye [body] shalbe [shall be] marryed [married] or shall [shall] accomplishe [accomplish] the age of XXI yeares [years] And [and] yf [if] the faid [said] next heire [heir] male happen to Dye [die] before he be marryed [married] or shall [shall] accomplishe [accomplish] the full age of XXI yeares [years] Then [then] I doe [do] geeve [give] the fame [same] goode [goods] //

(66) shippinge [shippings] ordynance [ordnances] Debte [debts] e [and] Chattells [chattels] to another heire [heir] of my bodye [body] when he or shee [she] shalbe [shall be] marryed [married] or shall [shall] accomplishe [accomplish] the age of one and Twentye [twenty] Yeares [years], and for Defaulte [default] of fuch [such] yffue [issue] That [that] shall [shall] not be marryed [married] or accomplishe [accomplish] //

(67) the age of XXI yeares [years] I doe [do] geeve [give] the fame [same] goode [goods] shippinge [shippings] ordynance [ordnances] Debte [debts] e [and] Chattells [chattels] vnto [unto]* Elizabeth my Wiffe [wife] **And** [and] I doe [do] ordeyne [ordain] e [and] make the faid [said] walter [Walter] Raleigh my sonne [son] the Executo^r [executor] of this my lafte [last] will e [and] Testamente [testament] *~ //

(68) Provided [provided] allwais [always] That [that] yf [if] my faid [said] sonne [son] Doe [does] Dye [die] before he be marryed [married] or before he shall [shall] accomplishe [accomplish] the full age of XXI yeares [years] Then [then] I doe [do] ordeyne [ordain] e [and] make my next heire [heir] male of my bodye [body] Executo^r [executor] of this my laft [last] Will [will] and //

(69) Testam^t [testament]: Provided [provided], allfoe [also] That [that] yf [if] fuch [such] next heire [heir] male Doe [does] Dye [die] before he be marryed [married] or shall [shall] accomplishe [accomplish] the age of XXI yeares [years] or for Default [default] of fuch [such] next heire [heir] male Then [then] I doe [do] ordeyne [ordain] e [and] make my heires [heirs] Femall [female] //

(70) of my bodye [body] Executo^r [executor] of this my laft [last] Will [will] e [and] Testam^t [testament]: Provided [provided] allfoe [also] That [that] yf [if] my faid [said] heire [heir] Femalle [female] Doe [does] Dye [die] before she [she] be marryed [married] or accomplishe [accomplish] the age of XXI yeares [years] Then [then] I doe [do] ordeyne [ordain] e [and] make Elizabeth my wiffe [wife] Executo^r [executor] //

(71) of this my lafte [last] Will [will] e [and] Testam^t [testament]* **And** [and] I doe [do] further ordeyne [ordain] e [and] make my trfutyte [trusty] e [and] faithfull [faithful] frinde [friends] Arthur Throkemorton [Throckmorton] of Pawlersburye [Paulerspury] in the Countye [county] of Northampton knight George Carewe [Carew] of London knight Alexander //

(72) Brett of Whitechurch in the Countye [county] of Dorset^t [Dorset] esqy [Esq] e [and] Thom^s Harryott [Thomas Harriot] of London gent [gentleman] aforefaid [aforesaid] the ouerfeers [overseers] of this my laft [last] Will [will] e [and] Testam^t [testament] **And** [and] my Will [will] e [and] Desire [desire] ys [is] That [that] they Will [will] take the administracōn [administration] of all my goode [goods] //

(73) vpon [upon] them duringe [during] the mynorytye [minority] of my faid [said] sonne [son] walter [Walter] Raleghe and duringe [during] the mynorytye [minority] of anie [any] other That [that] shalbe [shall be] myne [my] Executo^r [executor] wthin [within] age vntill [until] fuch [such] Executo^r [executor] shall [shall] marrye [marry] or accomplishe [accomplish] the age of one //

(74) e [and] Twentye [twenty] yeares [years] **further** I doe [do] earneftlye [earnestly] Requefte [request] e [and] praye [pray] my said ouerfeers [overseers] by the bande [bands] of Amitye [amity] That [that] they Will [will] wth [with] all care e [and] Regard [regard] faithfullye [faithfully] e [and] trulye [truly] admynifter [administer] my goode [goods] accordinge [according] to the truft [trust] Repofed [reposed] in them and //

(75) accordinge [according] to my true meaninge [meaning] expreffed [expressed] in this my laft [last] Will [will] e [and] Teftam^t [testament] **And** [and] I doe [do] vtterlye [utterly] Revoke [revoke], *Recall [recall], Repeale [repeal], controle [control] and herebye [hereby] vtterlye [utterly] Countermande [countermand] Renounce [renounce] e [and] frufrate [frustrate] all my other e [and] former [former] wills and all bequefte [bequests] //

(76) guifte [just] Legacyes [legacies] e [and] lymitaçõs [limitations] in the fame [same] publihinge [publishing] makinge [making] enactinge [enacting] e [and] Declaringe [declaring] theafe [these] p^{te}nte [present] onlye [only] e [and] noe [no] other to be the laft [last] will e [and] Teftam^t [testament] of me the faid [said] S^r [Sir] walter [Walter] Raleghe ordeyinge [ordering] pvidinge [providing] e [and] willinge [willing] neuertheleffe [nevertheless] //

(77) That [that] what further or other guifte [just] will or Devife [devise] I fhall [shall] at anie [any] tyme [time] hereafter ordeyne [ordain] make or Declare [declare] in writinge [writing] vnder [under] my hand or feale [seal] either in or for thenlargm^t [the enlargement] Diminihinge [diminishing] or alteraçõ [alteration] of this my p^{te}nt [present] will or of anie [any] guifte [just] //

(78) legacye [legacy] or bequefte [bequest] in the fame [same] or for the benefitt [benefit] of anie [any] other p^{son} [person] or p^{sons} [persons] not named in this my p^{te}nt [present] Teftam^t [testament] That [that] the fame [same] fhall [shall] ftande [stand] and be conftrued [construed] as my will in all thinge [things] like effectuall [effectual] as yf [if] the fame [same] were in theafe [these] ~ //

(79) p^{te}nte [present] lymited [limited] e [and] Declared [declared] And [and] I will e [and] ordeyne [ordain] herebye [hereby] That [that] my faid [said] Executo^r [executor] fhall [shall] haue [have] full power e [and] authoritye [authority] to execute admynifter [administer] e [and] pforme [perform] the fame [same] accordinge [according] to my faid [said] will e [and] intent foe [so] hereafter to be declared or lymited [limited] //

(80) vnder [under] my hand or feale [seal] in writinge [writing] this my p^{te}nt [present] will e [and] Teftam^t [testament] in anie [any] wife [wise] notwthftandinge [notwithstanding].* **In witness** [witness] whereof I haue [have] to this my p^{te}nt [present] will e [and] Teftam^t [testament] fubfcribed [subscribed] my name e [and] affixed my feale [seal] the Daye [day] e [and] yeare [year] firfte [first] //

(81) above written //

(82) Sealed and figned [signed] and published [published] by the above named //

(83) S^r [Sir] walter [Walter] Ralegh as his last will and testament the //

(84) tenth day of July 1597 In [in] the p^{resens} [presence] of //

(85) Adryan: [Adrian] Gilbarte: [Gilbert] William Strode //

(86) Jn [John] meere [Meere] Chr: [Christopher] harris [Harris]
[next to all this signature of Ralegh]

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