

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Mary Collins** of the city of New Sarum widow the relict of **Benjamin Collins** late of the same city banker deceased made and published the 9th March in the year of our Lord 1808 in manner and form following (that is to say)

whereas by virtue of and under the last Will and Testament of my said late husband bearing date on or about the 25th day of March 1778 I am entitled to receive one full eighth part or share (the whole into eight equal parts or shares to be divided) of the produce and amount to arise from the trust estates and residuum of the personals of my said late husband to be considered and valued together and to make one entire aggregate stock or fund in manner in his said Will mentioned and by virtue of and under a codicil to his said Will bearing date on or about the 5th day of June 1784 the said eighth part or share in and by the said Will and codicil directed or intended for me

for and notwithstanding any thing in the said Will expressed or implied to the contrary is to be considered as a fund in my hands for such purposes as I shall think proper to apply the same either in my lifetime or after my decease by deed or will either for the benefit of my **daughter Charlotte** or any child or children of hers or otherwise in my said late husbands family my said husband in and by his said codicil trusting and confiding entirely in my discretion so that I should be no way questionable or accountable for the same or what I could should or might do therewith or with any part thereof with or without deed or will to any person whomsoever now in pursuance and by virtue and in exercise and execution of the said power or authority and of every other power or authority enabling me in this behalf

I do hereby give and bequeath unto my grandsons **Sir George Thomas Staunton** Baronet **Peter Bellinger Brodie** and **William Bird Brodie** esquires and my grand nephew the **Reverend Blakley Cooper** clerk all the capital bank stock which I have purchased with the monies arising from the said one eighth part or share of my said late husbands estate and effects and is now standing and vested in my name in the books of the Governor and company of the Bank of England together with the additional share and interest lately made thereto and invested or intended to be invested therewith to for and upon the several trusts intents and purposes hereinafter expressed and declared of and concerning the same (that is to say)

On trust to pay the dividends interest and proceed arising and to be produced from six equal eighth parts thereof the whole into eight equal parts to be divided when and as the same shall from time to time become due and payable and be received and not by anticipation unto and for the sole and separate use benefit and support of my daughter **Charlotte Bacon** widow during the term of her natural life the same to be payable and paid into the hands of my said daughter **Charlotte** only and not into the hands of any other person or persons whomsoever and her receipt alone to be good and effectual discharge from time to time for the same

and I give and bequeath to my grand daughter **Charlotte Mary Bacon** the only child of my said daughter **Charlotte Bacon** the remaining two equal eighth parts of my said capital bank stock and of such additions thereto as aforesaid to be transferred to her as soon as conveniently may be after my decease and from and immediately after the decease of my said daughter **Charlotte Bacon** I will and direct that my said trustees shall stand possessed of three of the said six equal eighth parts or shares of my said capital bank stock and additions thereto the dividends of which six eighth parts thereof are hereinbefore made payable to my said daughter **Charlotte** for her life as aforesaid On trust for my said grand daughter **Charlotte Mary Bacon** and the same three eighth parts to be transferred accordingly as soon as may be after the decease of her said mother

and as for and concerning the remaining three equal eighth parts or shares of my said capital bank stock and additions thereto I also will and direct that the trustees for the time being under this my Will shall stand possessed thereof from and immediately after the decease of my said daughter **Charlotte Bacon** On trust for my other daughters **Lady Jane Staunton** widow and **Sarah Brodie** widow in equal proportions and to be transferred accordingly at the time last mentioned or in case of their deaths or the death of either of them in my life time then to the child or children respectively of both or either of them so dying as aforesaid as representing their several parents or parent and it is my will that my said trustees shall before the first dividend on the said six eighth parts of my said bank stock shall become due next after my decease give a power of attorney to some banker of whom my said daughter **Charlotte Bacon** shall approve to receive the dividends thereof or whom my said daughter may draw for or of whom she may receive the same from time to time making allowance for any expenses to be incurred in the receiving thereof

and whereas under and by virtue of the last Will and Testament of my lately deceased son **Benjamin Charles Collins** I as one of his devisees and residuary legatees therein named am now seized and possessed of or otherwise entitled to an undivided equal fifth part or other share of and in his real and residuary personal estates and under and by virtue of the Statutes of Distribution of Intestates estates I am also possessed of or entitled to a distribution share of and in three other equal fifth parts of such residuary personal estate which by the several deaths in the lifetime of my said son of my three sons in law **Sir George Leonard Staunton** Baronet the **Reverend Barfoot Colton** and **Peter Bellinger Brodie** clerks three other of the devisors and residuary legators named in my said late son's Will

become lapsed and is considered as undisposed of at the time of his decease in like manner as if he the said testator had died intestate with respect to so much of his said personal estate

I therefore hereby give devise and bequeath all such my part and share and parts and shares of and in the real and personal estates of my said son **Benjamin Charles Collins** and all my estate right title and interest in and to or out of the same respectively and all sum and sums of money due and payable and to become due and payable from or out of the same by virtue of the said Will or otherwise howsoever unto the said **George Thomas Staunton Peter Bellinger Brodie William Bird Brodie and Blakely Cooper** the trustees hereinbefore named and their heirs executors administrators and assigns respectively to the use of and In trust for my said daughters **Lady Jane Staunton Sarah Brodie and Charlotte Bacon** and their respective heirs executors and administrators as Tenants in Common and not as joint tenants and in case of the death of any or either of them in my lifetime then I will that the part or share or parts or shares of her or them so dying of and in the last mentioned premises shall pass unto her or their child or children respectively and their several heirs executors and administrators as Tenants in Common

Also I give and bequeath my silver tea kettle and lamp and tea chest with the silver tea canisters therein unto my said daughter **Lady Staunton** and all the rest of my plate and all my bed and table linen and china unto my said daughter **Mrs Bacon** Also I give and bequeath to my said daughter **Charlotte Bacon** the sum of £100 to be paid to her as soon as conveniently may be after my decease I give my gold watch and chain to my granddaughter **Margaret Brodie** and my piano forte to my said granddaughter **Charlotte Mary Bacon** I give to my said four trustees and to my son in law **Mr Collins** my daughter in law **Mrs Colton** and to my grand niece **Frances Henrietta Elderton** the sum of £50 each

and it is my will that my executors hereinafter named shall pay the dividends or interest of the sum of £500 four per cent bank annuities standing in my name unto my faithful servant **Elizabeth Grace** during her life and immediately after her decease the said capital sum shall sink into the residue of my personal estate hereinafter bequeathed and be considered as part thereof also I give to such other woman servant as shall be in my service at the time of my decease the sum of £10

and as to all the rest and residue of my monies goods chattels and personal estate whatsoever (after payment of my just debts and funeral and testamentary charges and the legacies hereinbefore given and subject thereto) I give and bequeath the same unto my said daughters **Lady Jane Staunton and Sarah Brodie** to be equally divided between them or in case of their deaths or the death of either of them in my lifetime then to the child or children respectively of such of them as shall so die as representing their several parents or parent and I make and appoint my said grandsons **Sir George Thomas Staunton Peter Bellinger Brodie and William Bird Brodie** and my said grand nephew **Blakely Cooper** executors In trust of this my last Will and Testament but my will and meaning is that during the said **Sir George Thomas Staunton's** absence from England at any time my other trustees and executors shall proceed in carrying all or any of the trusts provisions and powers of this my Will into execution in the like manner as if the said **Sir George Thomas Staunton** had not been appointed a trustee or executor herein

and I hereby authorize and empower my said trustees and the survivors and survivor of them at any time during the lifetime of my said daughter **Charlotte Bacon** at his or their discretion if they or he shall think it for the benefit of the said trusts to transfer by sale the said sixth eighth part thereof and to lay out and invest the produce thereof in or upon any other public stocks or funds or on Government real or personal security or securities of any kind at interest with the consent and approbation of my said daughter **Charlotte Bacon** and so from time to time to alter and vary the same stocks funds and securities as occasion shall require which new or other stocks funds and securities shall be subject to the same trusts to which the said bank stock so to be sold was liable before such sale or sales thereof as aforesaid provided

lastly and I do hereby declare my will and mind to be that the said several trustees and each and every of them and the heirs executors administrators and assigns of every of them shall be charged and chargeable respectively only for such monies as they or any of them shall respectively actually receive by virtue of the trusts hereby in them reposed notwithstanding his their or any of their giving or signing or joining in giving or signing any receipt or receipts for the sake of conformity and that any one or more of them shall not be answerable or accountable for the other or others of them or for the acts receipts neglects or defaults of the other or others of them but each and every of them only for his and their own acts receipts neglects or defaults respectively and that they or any of them shall not be answerable or accountable for any banker broker or any other person with whom or in whose hands any part of the said trust monies shall or may be deposited or lodged for safe custody or otherwise in the execution of the trusts hereby in them reposed

and that they or any of them shall not be at any time answerable or accountable for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security or securities stocks or funds in or upon which the said trust monies or any part thereof shall be placed out or for any other misfortune loss or damage which may happen in the execution of the aforesaid trusts or in relation thereto except the same shall happen by or through their own wilful default respectively and also that it shall and may be lawful to and for them the said trustees and every of them their and every of their heirs executors administrators and assigns to pay any debt or debts which they shall think to be owing by me upon any evidence

they shall think proper and to compromise adjust and settle and join and concur in the compromising adjusting and settling all matters and accounts relating to the estates or affairs of my said late son **Benjamin Charles Collins** or which may be depending between me and any person or persons whomsoever and to sell assign release or otherwise dispose of any of the said debts due to me for such price or prices or other consideration or equivalent as they shall think proper and by and out of the monies which shall come to their respective hands by virtue of the trusts aforesaid to retain to and reimburse himself and themselves respectively and also to allow to his and their co trustees and co trustee all the costs charges damages and expenses which they or any of them shall or may suffer sustain expend disburse be at or be put unto in or about the execution of the aforesaid trusts or in relation thereunto

In witness whereof to the first three sheets of this my last Will and Testament contained in four sheets of paper I have set my hand and to this the fourth and last sheet my hand and seal the day and year first hereinbefore written - **Mary Collins** (ls) signed sealed published and declared by the testatrix **Mary Collins** as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said testatrix and of each other - **Mary Williams** - **Geo. Dow** - **Thos. Chubb**

By way of codicil to my last Will and Testament and in addition to the devise and bequest therein of my share of the real and personal estates of my late son **Benjamin Charles Collins** I do declare that it was and is my earnest wish and desire and I do accordingly hereby recommend to my surviving relations that in case my grandson **William Bird Brodie** together with **Mr John Luxford** and **Mr John Dowding** the principal managers and assistants in the printing and other businesses of my said late son shall not succeed thereto in my lifetime they may afterwards with all convenient expedition succeed thereto as partners and continue the same as such for their own respective advantage in such manner as may be agreed upon and as the nature of such premises and the circumstances of the parties shall require and also that the several other assistants and servants of my said son may remain as such to the persons so taking to the said businesses in like manner as if he had been living

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 15th day of March in the year of our Lord 1808 - **Mary Collins** (ls) signed sealed published and declared by the testatrix **Mary Collins** as and for a codicil to her last Will and Testament in the presence of us - **Mary Williams** - **Tho. Chubb**

This Will was proved at London with a codicil the 27th day of April in the year of our Lord 1808 before the Right Honorable **Sir William Wynne** Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oaths of **Peter Bellinger Brodie** **William Bird Brodie** esquires the grandsons of the deceased the **Reverend Blakley Cooper** clerk the great nephew and three of the executors named in the said Will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased they having been first sworn to wit the said **Peter Bellinger Brodie** before the worshipful **George Ogilve** Doctor of Laws and Surrogate and the said **William Bird Brodie** and the **Reverend Blakley Cooper** by commission duly to administer power reserved of making the like grant to **Sir George Thomas Staunton** Baronet the grandson also of the said deceased and the other executor named in the said Will when he shall apply for the same.

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