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This is the last Will and Testament of me **Benjamin Charles Collins** of Salisbury in the county of Wilts esq first I direct that all my just debts funeral expenses and the charges of proving this my Will to be paid and discharged and from and after the payment thereof and subject thereto and also subject charged with the payment of the several legacies and sums hereafter given and bequeathed to me I give devise and bequeath unto my dear mother **Mary Collins** my brother in law **Sir George Staunton** my brother in law the **Reverend Peter Bellinger Brodie** my brother in law the **Reverend Barford Colton** and my brother **William Collins** all my estate and effects of what nature or kind soever and wheresoever both real and personal To have and to hold the same unto them their heirs executors administrators and assigns equally share and share alike as tenants in common and not as joint tenants

I give and bequeath unto **Mary Elizabeth Goodenge** calling herself **Mary Castle** now residing with me at no 40 New Road in the parish of Saint Mary le Bone in the county of Middlesex one annuity or clear yearly sum of £100 during the term of her natural life payable quarterly I give to **William Tomlyn** of Salisbury banker the sum of £500 also the like sum of £500 to **Elias Hibbs** of Monument Yard London wine merchant I give to my uncle **Mr John Cooper** of Salisbury one annuity or clear yearly sum of £100 during the term of his natural life payable half yearly I give £250 apiece to **Harriet Dennett** and **Frances Eliza Dennett** the daughters of **Jonathan Dennett** of Leicester Place gentleman I give to the **Reverend Edward Cooper** of Yetminster near Sherborne in Dorsetshire the sum of £500 I give £250 and my gold watch to my friend **Mr Robert Dennett** I give the sum of £100 to **Miss Sarah Greaves** and the like sum of £100 to each of her brothers **William Greaves** and **Robert Greaves** I give to **Henry Stevens** of Salisbury gentleman the sum of £100 I give to **William Havers** of Salisbury the sum of £100 and the like sum of £100 to **John Dowding** my clerk I discharge **John Luxford** my overseer from the payment of all debts claims and demands which I have against him I also release and discharge **Mr Thomas Williams** of Vere Street from the payment of all debts claims and demands whatsoever due to me alone or jointly with any of my present or late partners I also give and bequeath to my cousin **Frances Henrietta Elderton** now or late of Salisbury the sum of £500

and lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint the said **Sir George Staunton Townley Ward** of Soho Square in the county of Middlesex esquire the said **Peter Bellinger Brodie** and **Barford Colton** executors of this my Will hereby revoking and making void all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament as witness my hand and seal this 19th day of August in the year of our Lord 1796 - **Benjamin Chas. Collins** signed sealed published and declared by the said testator **Benjamin Charles Collins** as and for his last Will and Testament in the sight and presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses at his request and in his sight and presence and the sight and presence of each thereto - **Cliff. Ashore, James Moss, Matt. Thompson**

I also direct that my executors before named do immediately after my decease deliver up to the said **Mr Thomas Williams** all and every agreement entered into by him with **Mr William Bacon** relating to the supplying of medicines for the shop in Oxford Street and which agreement or agreements has or have been assigned over to me in order that the same may be cancelled and put an end to I also give and bequeath unto **John Sawyer** now my clerk employed in the business carried on in Oxford Street the sum of £500 I also give and bequeath to **John William Hucklebridge** of Salisbury late my clerk the sum of £200 - **B.C. Collins - Cliff. Ashmore, James Moss, Matt. Thompson**

I **Benjamin Charles Collins** of Salisbury in the county of Wilts esq do publish and declare this present writing as and for a codicil to my last Will and Testament dated the 19th day of August now last past whereas in and by my said Will after payment of my just debts funeral expenses and legacies and sums of money therein mentioned I have given devised and bequeathed all the rest residue and remainder of my estate and effects of what nature or kind soever and wheresoever both real and personal unto my dear mother **Mary Collins** my brother in law (sic) **Sir George Staunton** my brother in law the **Reverend Peter Bellinger Brodie** my brother in law the **Reverend Barford Colton** and my brother **William Collins** to have and to hold the same unto them their heirs executors administrators and assigns equally between and amongst themselves and share alike as tenants in common and not as joint tenants and I have also in and by my said Will appointed the said **Peter Bellinger Brodie** one of my executors and I have likewise in and by my said Will given and bequeathed unto **William Tomlyn** of Salisbury banker the sum £500 and to the **Reverend Edward Cooper** of Yetminster near Sherborne in Dorsetshire the like sum of £500 and to my cousin **Frances Henrietta Elderton** then or late of Salisbury the sum of £500

Now I do hereby revoke and make void so much of my said Will as relates to or concerns the several bequests therein contained to the said **Peter Bellinger Brodie William Tomlyn, Edward Cooper, Frances Henrietta Elderton** and also the appointment of the said **Peter Bellinger Brodie** as such executor as aforesaid and I do hereby give and bequeath unto **Townley Ward** one of the executors named in my said Will the sum of £100 and the like sum of £100 to **Mrs Ward** wife of the said **Townley Ward** and I the said **Benjamin Charles Collins** do hereby nominate and appoint **Jonathan Dennett** in my said Will named another executor in my said Will and I do give and bequeath unto the said **Jonathan Dennett** the sum of £100 and to **Mrs Dennett** wife of the said **Jonathan Dennett** the sum of £100

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and in witness whereof I the said **Benjamin Charles Collins** have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of November 1796 - **Benjamin Charles Collins** signed sealed published and declared by the said **Benjamin Charles Collins** as and for a codicil to be annexed to and taken as part of his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the sight and presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses - **Cliff. Ashmore, Samuel Sowther, James Brough** clerks to **Messrs Ward Dennetts and Greaves** of Covent Garden

Memorandum Friday April 21st 1797

It was on the 7th day of July 1792 that I delivered by letter the enclosed draft value £769 to my most able and faithful solicitor **Townley Ward** esq as and for his own sole and entire use in grateful yet humble token of my sense of the many and important services rendered to me and to my family during a long and most arduous executorship the same being in part a small portion only of my share of very large sums wrested by his able head from the hands of needy and artful villains namely **Maurice Lloyd, Viscount Newhaven** and **Gregory Bateman** as also from rogues of lesser note all which services were done and rendered without law and litigation the more meritorius this and to the estate of **Benjamin Collins** my father deceased immensely advantageous for the experience of time has shewn that had a chancery suit or even the usual delays of a nisi prius court taken place a very great portion of the large sums so recovered must have been lost

All these three swindlers being long since dead and the two last named died insolvent it was on this day the 21st of April 1797 that my worthy and honorable friend **Mr Ward** returned to my hands this draft and as he was peremptory that I should take it I did so but I now give it herewith unto the hands of my esteemed friend and solicitor **Mr Robert Dennett** by him to be placed herewith in my last Will and Testament in his keeping and in case of my death by him to be delivered unto the hands of his brother one of my executors for the uses and purposes of **Mr Ward** or as he only shall direct and all this I declare to be a codicil to my aforesaid Will signed with my name and sealed with my seal this 21st day of April 1797 - **Ben. Chas. Collins**

(Copy of banker's draft inserted)

1801 Dec 25th Christmas day

This is a codicil to my Will in the hands of **Robert Dennett** esq of Covent Garden London I owe not one penny to my fathers estate in any way I owe not one penny to all or any of my late partners in the banking business I give to **Robert Dennett** aforesaid to this brother **Jonathan** and to his partner **William Greaves** esq £3,500 In trust £500 for **Frances Eliza Dennett** and the residue for **Maria Castle** (so called) at Mrs Butts Ladies School Great Marlbro Street Carnaby Market the said **Maria** to be a Ward of Chancery - **B.C. Collins**

2nd May 1808

Appeared personally **Gerard Selby** of Lincolns Inn Fields in the county of Middlesex gentleman and made oath that on the 6th day of February last he went down to the city of Salisbury for the purpose of being present at the examination of the papers of **Benjamin Charles Collins** late of Salisbury aforesaid esq deceased who died as this deponent has been informed and believes on the 24th day of the oath of January last past and of selecting those of a testamentary nature that on this deponents arriving at Salisbury a search was made by him and **William Collins** esq **Samuel Emly** esq **John Luxford** and **John Dowding** gentlemen of Salisbury aforesaid and the said deceased's papers were carefully examined and on examining a memorandum book purporting to be the daily journal for the year 1801 containing different memorandums of the said deceased was found by the said **Samuel Emly** locked up in the said deceaseds bureau situate in the dining parlour in the presence of this deponent and of the said other persons that the said book was immediately examined and on reading the same a codicil was found therein written in a page of the said book described Memorandums and Resolutions as at the end of the year 1801 the said codicil beginning thus 1801 Dec...(verifying the authenticity of the codicils).

This Will was proved at London with four codicils the 6th day of May in the year of our Lord 1808 before the worshipful **George Ogilvie** Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir William

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Have had a look at the Will of Benjamin Charles Collins and have transcribed the last bit as in the original there is an added postscript: will 19 Aug 1796

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This Will was proved at London with four Codicils the sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight before the worshipful George Ogilvie Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir William Wynne knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Townly Ward esq the surviving executor named in the said Will to whom administration of all and singular the chattels and credits of the deceased was granted he having been first sworn duly to administer power reserved of making the like grant to Jonathan Dennett esq the executor named in the second codicil when he shall apply for the same.

X On the 26 April 1810 Admon with the Will and four codicils annexed of the goods chattels and credits of Benjamin Charles Collins late of the city of Salisbury esq deceased left ... by Townly Ward esq deceased whilst living the surviving executor named in the said Will was granted to William Collins esq the brother and surviving residuary legatee having first sworn by Comon duly to administer and Jonathan Dennett the executor appointed by the second codicil.

On the 15 Oct 1810 Admon with the Will and four codicils annexed of the goods chattels and credits of Benjamin Charles Collins late of the city of Salisbury esq deceased left... of Will by Townly Ward esq deceased whilst living the surviving executor named in the Will and by William Collins the brother and surviving residuary legatee named in the said Will and Jonathan Dennett was granted to Peter Bellinger Brodie esq William Bird Brodie esq and the Reverend Blakely Cooper clerk the executors of the Will of Mary Collins widow deceased whilst living the mother of one of the surviving residuary legatees named in the said Will having been first sworn by Comon duly to administer.

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