

To all and singular *the faithful in Christ to whom these our present Letters Testimonial shall come or whom the matters herein written do or may hereafter in anywise remain* **The Supreme Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal** _____ Greetings in our Lord God everlasting and will that undoubted faith be given to those presents and do make known and will that it be hereby made known unto you that on searching the Registry of said Supreme Court and the Archivist hereof there well and faithfully preserved and kept it has been discovered and plainly found amongst other things in the same that on the fourth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixteen at Calcutta at Fort William at Bengal before the said Supreme Court the last Will and Testament and Codicil of Charles Desborough, late of Calcutta, Esquire, and a Surgeon in the Service of the United Company of Merchants in England trading to the East Indies on their Bengal establishment _____ having whilst living and at the time of his death Goods, Chattels or Credit within the Provinces of Bengal, Behar and Orissa or in the Province or District of Benares or within some or one of Factories, Districts or Provinces which are annexed to or made subject to the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal sufficient to ground the jurisdiction of the said Supreme Court were proved, approved and registered and administration of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased in any way remaining his said Will and Codicil were on the same fourth day of September granted to John Palmer, one of the Executors in the said Will and Codicil named .He, the said John Palmer, having been first sworn before the said Supreme Court well and truly to administer the same and to make a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased, and to exhibit into the Registry of the said Court within Six months from the said fourth Day of September and also to render a just and true amount thereof power being reserved of making the like grant to the other Executors in the said Will and Codicil named when they should cause and pray the same which said Will and Codicil follow in these words ---

In the Name of God, Amen. *I Charles Desborough, Surgeon in the Honorable Company's Service on the Bengal Establishment living in bodily health and of sound and disposing memory do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say, first I my Lord into the hands of God my Creator hoping and assuredly believing through the only merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour to be made partaker of life everlasting and my body to the earth whereof it is made. And for and concerning all my Worldly Estate, I give, bequeath and dispose thereof as followeth (that is to say). First, I will that all my just Debts and Funeral Charges be paid and discharged by my Executors hereinafter named. Item: I give and bequeath the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds Sterling to a female orphan who was born of Ann Levitt in the parish of All Saints in the Town of Huntingdon in the Month of January 1783 and was Christened there by the name of "Ann" & to the best of my knowledge and belief is called and known by the name of "Ann Davis" and is personally known by some of my Brothers & Sisters. I most earnestly recommended her to their kindness and protection and*

*request of my Executors that the above named legacy (Viz. £250 Sterling) may be paid to her as soon as possible after my decease. The above named legacy being paid and discharged, I direct that the remainder of my property as well as that I may hereafter acquire as that which I now possess to be divided into seven equal shares which I give and bequeath unto the undermentioned persons in the following proportions (that is to say). Item: To Henry Desborough, Louisa Desborough, Georgiana Man and Lawrence Desborough, Sons and Daughters of my Brother Henry and his Wife, half a share to be equally divided between them. Item: To Matthew Holworthy, Charles Desborough Holworthy, William Holworthy, Emma Holworthy and Mary Holworthy, Sons and Daughter of my Brother and Sister Holworthy, one share to be equally divided between them. Item: To Catharine Desborough, Lawrence Desborough, Harriet Desborough, John Desborough, Charles Desborough and to a younger Child or Children whose Christian names I do not know, Sons and daughters of my Brother Lawrence and his Wife, two shares to be equally divided between them. Item: To John V Stewart, Frances Stewart, Henry Stewart, & Charles Desborough Stewart, Sons and Daughters of my Brother and Sister Stewart, half a share to be divided equally between them. Item: To Mary South, Daughter of my Brother and Sister South, half a share. Item: To Eliza Bedford, Arthur Bedford, Julia Bedford, Emma Bedford, Caroline Bedford, Charles Desborough Bedford, Sarah Bedford and Frances Bedford & other younger Child or Children of my Brother and Sister Bedford, two shares to be equally divided between them. Item: To Frances Desborough, William Desborough, Charles Desborough and Mary Desborough, Sons and Daughters of my late Brother William and his Widow, half a share to be equally divided between them. Item: And I do hereby nominate and appoint my Brother Henry Desborough & my Brother in Law Charles Bedford, both of London, and my friends John Palmer and William Hall, both of Calcutta, Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former & other Wills and Testaments by me at any other time heretofore made and I hereby ratify those present to stand & to be for and as my only last Will and Testament. **In Witness** whereof to this my said Will I have set my hand and seal in Calcutta this the fifth day of July in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixteen.*

C. Desborough (Seal) A. Gordon Caulfield, F.T. Hall.

Item: *In the year 1816 I executed a Bond for the Sum of Two thousand pounds Sterling to my Brother Henry and jointly with him another Bond for One thousand pounds Sterling to my Cousin Julia Spolding in case those Bonds should not have been controlled prior to my decease the holders of them should have the first claim on my Estate. C. Desborough.*

In the Supreme Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal Ecclesiastical Side: In the Goods of Charles Desborough, Deceased.

John Palmer of Old Fort Street in the Town of Calcutta, Merchant and Agent, maketh Oath and sayeth that he is one of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament hereunto annexed marked A of Charles Desborough, late a Surgeon in the Service of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies on their Bengal Establishment and that the said Charles Desborough who was in his lifetime and at the time of his death a British Sublect hath lately departed this life within the province of Bentgal leaving goods and effects within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court to be administered.

J Palmer. Sworne this 4th day of September 1816 before me. *F Macnaghten*

In Faith and Testimony of all and singular which promises the said Court hath caused these present Letters Testimonial to issue forth and to be corroborated and confirmed by affixing thereto the Seal of the Supreme Court. Given at Calcutta at Fort William at Bengal this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixteen *D. Heming, Register & Notary Public.*

Proved at London with the Codicil 8th Feb'y 1819 before the Honorable John Danbury, Dr. of Laws & Surr't by the Oaths of Henry Desborough, his brother, & Charles Bedford, Esquire, two of the surviving Executors to whom Admon was granted, being first Sworn duly to adm'r power waved to John Palmer Esq', the other surviving Executor.