

## Will of Elliot Arthy

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### Will of Mr. Elliot Arthy 23 Jun 1827

#### In the Name of God Amen

I Elliot Arthy – of Cape Coast Collector of the Customs – being at the present time through the grace mercy and benevolence of my Creator in the enjoyment of a good state of health and of a sound and considerate mind and memory but knowing the uncertain tenor of human life possessions and enjoyments do now and hereby make and declare this my last Will and Testament and disposal of all my worldly and temporal effects. To my beloved Wife Elizabeth I leave the use during her lifetime of all my household furniture plates beds table and bed linen etc. which is now in her possession at her present place of abode No. 43, Lower Stanhope Street St. James's Liverpool no part or article of which is to be disposed of without the knowledge and unanimous consent of her daughters bearing my name and at her death the whole of the said property and effects shall be sold and the neat proceeds thereof divided share and share alike among her surviving daughters bearing my name And I do also further give and bequeath unto my Wife the neat proceeds of the Sales of all my household furniture Plate Wearing Apparel and printed Books in my possession at Cape Coast together with all my ready money and wages due to me at the time of my decease after all my just debts and funeral expenses etc. shall have been paid and it is my desire and request that all and every part of the said property and effects may be disposed of either by private or public Sale as soon after decease as shall be found reasonable and convenient. Unto my dearly beloved Son William I give and bequeath for his use and benefit and that of his Children for ever all my Lands situate at Cape Coast together with Buildings erected thereon and the Building materials artificers tools and implements contained therein and I do earnestly desire and recommend him to proceed to Cape Coast as soon after my decease as possible to take the said property into his possession and then endeavour to get himself into some line of business for the improvement of his fortune and provided he should die without leaving any issue or children to whom he might be bound by the ties of nature to bequeath the said property and effects in that case I will and desire that the said lands and buildings thereon situated at Cape Coast be either sold or let as may be most desirable under existing circumstances and the neat proceeds thereof to be divided share and share alike among his surviving Sisters I also give and bequeath unto my son all my private Letters accounts manuscripts drawings plans and sketches of every kind and description whatever and it is my particular desire and request that all the said papers be immediately on my decease put together in a Box and sealed until my Son arrives at Cape Coast and takes possession of them when if he peruses and examines them with that degree of attention which I am anxious for him to do he will find their contents replete with both amusement and instruction Lastly I do hereby appoint and intreat the favor of W B Sewell Esq. And John Jackson Esq. Of Cape Coast Merchants and Nicholas Robinson Esq. Of Liverpool Merchant to take upon themselves the performance or Executorship of this my last Will and Testament and earnestly commending my Wife and Children to them for occasional advice and protection. (Signed) Elliot Arthy. Written by and drawn by the Testator himself in the 65<sup>th</sup> year of his age at Cape Coast where there are not any professed Notaries or Attornies this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord 1827 (A True Copy William Tapp Secretary)

Proved London 11 May 1831

Best regards,

*Rita*