# Elliott FLETCHER (-1783)

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In the Name of God Amen. This is the last will and testament of me Elliott Fletcher of Gravesend in the County of Kent waterman…

I leave and bequeath to Mary Fletcher my wife all the earnings of the five vessels known by the name of the Charlotte so long as the executors after named shall find that the said Vessels defray all necessary charges and expenses and maintain a fund to purchase other vessels when they are worn out and should not this be found to be the case the executors are desired to sell one or more of the said Boats or Vessels occasionally as they may find good purchasers the Anchor Boat to be sold the first opportunity and the amount put into the stocks all my household furniture of what kind soever to remain in the possession of my said wife during the time she remains single and when she may think proper to alter her condition and marry the executors are to sell the said household furniture and half of the amount thereof to be given to her and the other half to be put into new stocks for behalf of my children the little cottage at Bigitain? In the County of Kent to be sold at the discretion of the executors and the amount thereof to be [and put in the stocks the…] collected and given to my said wife to assist her in carrying on the business exepting the two sums due to me by Captain Lawson and Mr Bromley as after mentioned. I desire that the executors be careful that the amount of Captain Lawson's draught for seventy pounds now in my possession and which is due to me be … on his arrival in England from the East Indies or as soon thereafter as may be convenient and the amount thereof be put into the stocks together with twenty two pounds upwards due to me by Mr Bromley third chief mate of the Resolution East India Man and I desire that if the said Mr Bromley do not pay the said twenty two pounds upwards upon demand that the executors do arrest him for the same … I desire the executors to make good a enquiry into the state of my share of the King George Tilt Boat under the occupation of Mr Wheeler boatswain at Gravesend and that if it be found that the earnings thereof will not sufficiently pay all expenses and lay by at the rate of ten pounds per annum that the said share shall immediately sold and the amount thereof also to be put into the stocks for behalf of my said children I likewise desire that the Interest of the sums so put into the stocks be drawn and delivered to my said wife for the support of her and my said children and should any of my said children … marry to the satisfaction of my executors I desire that they immediately or soon thereafter deliver to such of them the sum of fifty pounds out of the principal and interest if the same can be done for their encouragement I desire that should William Howard of Marton In Marsh Gloucestershire my father in law leave a legacy in favour of Mary Eglintine his grand daughter that in that case she is to be cut off from receiving her share of this will with my four children but not otherways and then it is to be left to my said executors to make an equal distribution amongst them as they shall think most proper that if any of my said children should die that share to be equally divided amongst the surviving ones and so on while any of them remains alive and that if my said wife survives the whole of my said children all and every part of what should remain of this my will I leave and bequeath to … heirs and administrators and I appoint Mr Andrew Borket and Mr Samuel Hazard of Gravesend and Mr Peter Lockett of North fleet in the county of Kent aforesaid to be my executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Elliot Fletcher the testator to this my last will and testament have set my hand and seal this second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three and in the twenty third year of his Majesty King George the third Signed Elliott Fletcher. This writing was signed and sealed by the above named Elliott Fletcher and by him published and declared as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereinto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in his presence and in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in his presence and in the presence of said othe witness William Gunor?, Thomas Briggs, Peter Lockett

This will was proved at London the thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three before the worshipful Andrew … Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful Peter Calvert also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or a commissary of the prerogative court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oaths of Andrew Borket, Samuel Hazard and Peter Lockett the executors named in the said will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods and chattels and credits of the deceased having been first sworn duly to administer.