Susanna TROUGHTON nee FLETCHER (1783-1853)

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This is the last will and testament of me Susanna Troughton of Gravesend in the county of Kent and of Grays in the County of Essex widow first I direct that all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses be paid and satisfied by my Executors hereinafter named with all convenient speed after my decease I give devise and bequeath unto my nephew William Fletcher of Milton next Gravesend aforesaid coal merchant his heirs executors and administrators all those my two freehold messuages tenements or dwellinghouses situate in Pump Alley Gravesend aforesaid late in the occupation of Mr McDonald and another to hold the same to and for his and their sole use and benefit absolutely. I give and bequeath unto my nephew George Fletcher of Gravesend aforesaid Baker his executors administrators and assigns five shares in the Gravesend and Milton Gas Company one Shoreham Harbour share and sixteen whole and ten half shares in the Diamond Steam Packet Company to and for this and their sole use and benefit. I give and bequeath unto my said nephew and niece William Fletcher and Mary Fletcher their executors and administrators five shares in the Kent Life Assurance Company ten shares in the Gravesend and Milton Gas Company and sixteen shares in the Diamond Steam Packet Company upon trust to pay and apply the dividends and proceeds arising from time to time upon such shares unto my niece Susanna the wife of Henry Denis de Vitre of Perry Street near Gravesend aforesaid to and for her sole use and benefit and her receipt alone shall be a sufficient discharge to my said Trustees for the same And in the event of the decease of my said niece Susanna De Vitre in the lifetime of her said husband then I direct that such dividends and proceeds be invested for the benefit of her children or the survivor of them until they arrive at the age of twenty one years and then it is my desire that such shares be immediately transferred into the names or name of such children or child in equal proportions if more than one and if but one to such only child together with all accumulations of dividends interest and proceeds in like manner to such children or child And that if neither of such children shall live to attain such age then I direct that such shares dividends and interest shall be equally divided between my said nephews and niece William Fletcher George Fletcher and Mary Fletcher their executors administrators or assigns and in the event of my said niece Susanna De Vitre surviving her said husband then I direct that such shares shall be immediately transferred unto the name of her the said Susanna De Vitre to and for her sole use benefit and disposal And I do hereby empower my said Trustees at any time to sell and otherwise dispose of such shares should they see occasion so to do and invest the proceeds thereof in Government securities or otherwise for the mutual benefit and advantage of my said niece and her children I give and bequeath unto my niece Mary Fletcher of Grays aforesaid spinster her executors administrators and assigns five shares in the Kent Life Assurance Company ten shares in the Gravesend and Milton Gas Company and fifteen shares in the Diamond Steam Packet Company to and for her and their sole use and benefit I give and bequeath unto the said Mary Fletcher and Susanna Charlotte Seabrooke of Grays aforesaid spinster their executors or administrators fifteen shares in the Gravesend and Milton Gas Company and fifteen shares in the Diamon Steam Packet Company and all interest and dividends that may hereafter accrue thereon to hold the same in trust for the benefit of the three children of my late niece Sarah Seabrooke or the survivor of them until they arrive at the respective ages of twenty one years and then to transfer and pay over such shares dividends and interest to such children in equal proportions but if only one of such children should live to attain the age of twenty one years as aforesaid then the whole of such shares interest and dividends to be transferred and paid over the such only child but should neither of such children live to attain such age then I direct such shares dividends and interest to be transferred and paid to their father James Seabrook of Grays aforesaid his executors administrators or assigns I give devise and bequeath unto my niece Ann Hill Troughton late of Cannon Street in the City of London spinster her heirs executors or administrators all that my one seventh part or share of and in the messuage tenement or dwellinghouse situate in the Bull Yard in the parish of Milton next Gravesend aforesaid and formerly in the occupation of Mr Busby and now or lately used as a Warehouse by Mr

Medhurst Troughton and also ten feet of land and the building thereon adjoining the said house lately forming part of the Kitchen and Laundry of the South ... the … Mr Medhurst Troughton late resided and which said one seventh part or share as aforesaid I am entitled to as Residuary Legatee under the Will of my deceased husband to hold the same to and for her and their sole use and benefit absolutely I give devise and bequeath unto my nephew and nieces George Troughton William Troughton Mildren Troughton and the waid Ann Hill Troughton their heirs executors and administrators all that my freehold messuage tenement or dwellinghouse in the Kew Road, Gravesend aforesaid now in the occupation of Mr … and all those my seven freehold messuages tenements or dwellinghouses in Barrack Row Gravesend aforesaid now in the occupation of Mr … and others in equal moieties share and share alike and whereas the legacy left by the late Mrs Mildred Troughton to my said deceased husband William Troughton was never paid or satisfied by the said Medhurst Troughton to my said deceased husband during this life or to me since his decease which said Legacy consisting of two hundred pounds Long Annuities and two hundred pounds real estate together with the sum of two hundred pounds agreed to be paid by the said Medhurst Troughton in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen by way of a Bonus with all interest due thereon up to the time of my decease afted deducting all just claims the said Medhurst Troughton may have against the estate of my said late husband for … which leaves a balance due to me at the present time of seven hundred pounds and upwards provided the said two hundred pounds stock be taken as two hundred pounds sterling money and which said balance of seven hundred pounds and upwards or whatever sum the same may amount to at the time of my decease It is my will and I hereby direct the same shall be paid and equally divided between Mr Joseph Troughton of Gravesend aforesaid Gentleman and such of the children of the late Bryan Troughton his deceased brother as may be living at the time of my decease and whereas the whole of my plate linen … and furniture I have already disposed of previous to making this my will and which disposition I hereby ratify and confirm. And as to all the rest residue and remainder of my monies and securities for money bonds shares and personal estate whatsoever nature and kind the same may be I give and bequeath the same unto my said nephew and nieces George Fletcher Susanna De Vitre and Mary Fletcher in equal shares and proportions share and share alike and I do hereby declare that my executors shall each of them be answerable to his and their separate acts defaults or receipts and not the one for the acts defaults or receipts of the other of them and that neither of them shall be answerable or accountable for any loss costs charges damages or expenses which may be sustained or incurred in the performance and execution of this my Will so that the same do not happen through the wilful negligence or default of them or either of them my said Executors and I will and direct that my said Executors do retain and reimburse themselves all costs charges and expenses which they may be put to in and about the execution of this my will out of the … estate and effects hereby in them respectively vested and I hereby nominate and appoint my nephew the said William Fletcher Robert Oakes of Milton next Gravesend aforesaid Esquire and James Smalley Wyburn of 48 Curzon Street London Stationer Executors of this my will hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and declare this only to be my last will and testament And I bequeath to my said Executors the sum of nineteen guineas each In witness whereof I the said Susanna Troughton the Testatrix have hereunto set my hand the fourteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and forty seven. Susanna Troughton signed and declared by the above named Susanna Troughton as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us present at the same time who in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto the words And I bequeath to my said Executors the sum of nineteen guineas each being provision inte… to the said Testatrix execution and by her desire. T. J. Wyburn, William Pike

Proved at London 10th February 1854 before the Worshipful Alfred Waddilove Doctor or Laws and Surrogate by the oat of William Fletcher the nephew and of the surviving executors to whom admon was granted having been first sworn duly to administer power reserved of making the like Grant to Robert Oakes the other surviving executor when he shall apply for the same.