

Robert Tayloe - London-Mariner

I Robert Tayloe of London, Mariner, being bound forth to sea and considering the dangers thereof do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme following.

First and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my maker and preserver, through whose precious death and passion I trust and assuredly believe to receive full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and life everlasting. My body I committ to the earth or sea where it shall please God to call for the same. And as for and touching such estate as God of his mercy hath bestowed upon me, my debts and funeral charges (if any) being first paid and satisfied I give and dispose of the same in the form following.

I give and devise and bequeath unto my loving wife Ruth Tayloe all such wages, sum and sums of money, goods chattells and or otherwise any of their majesty's ships or frigates or vessels or any merchant ship or ships or upon any other account or accounts whatsoever and I do hereby make and ordain my said loving wife full and sole executrix of this my last will and testament and do hereby revoke disannul and make void all former and other wills and testaments by me at any heretofore made and do publish and declare this only to stand and be my last will and testament and no other. In witness whereof to this my present testament and last will I have set my hand and affixed my seal dated this fourth day of February Anno Dei one thousand six hundred and ninety and in the second year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady William and Mary by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith of Robert Tayloe, read, signed sealed published and declared by the said testator for and as his last will and testament in the presence of Robert Lester, Richard Pumfrey, William Stride.

Proved in London November 6, 1705 by the said Ruth Tayloe, Relict and Executrix, having been sworn on the Holy Evangelists.