

Dec. 24 1755 & Sep. 19 1786

This is the last Will and Testament of me
 Amelia Princess of England Daughter of his late Majesty King George
 the Second I give devise and bequeath unto the Right Honourable William Earl of Besborough of the
 Kingdom of Ireland and Baron Ponsonby of the Kingdom of Great Britain and the Right Honourable -----
 Thomas Lord Pelham Baron Pelham of Stanmer in the County of Sussex their Heirs Executors and -----
 Administrators All my Freehold Messuage or Tenement Lands and Hereditaments at Gunnersbury in the
 County of Middlesex with the Appurtenances which I purchased under a Decree of the Court of Chancery
 and which were conveyed unto and to the Use of the said Earl of Besborough and the late Lord Berkeley
 of Stratton and their Heirs In Trust for me and my Heirs And also all those Fields or pieces or parcels
 of Land (near or adjoining to my said Freehold Messuage and Lands) which I hold by Lease for the
 residue of a Term of Years from the Representatives of Richard Long Esquire deceased (Subject to the
 Rent thereby reserved) with their appurtenances To hold the same unto and to the Use of them the said
 William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham their Heirs Executors and Administrators according to
 the nature and quality of the premises Upon Trust nevertheless that they the said William Earl of
 Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham or the Survivor of them his Heirs Executors or Administrators
 do and shall as soon after my decease as conveniently may be make sale and dispose of my said
 Messuage Lands and Hereditaments at Gunnersbury both Freehold and Leasehold to any person or
 persons who shall be willing to purchase the same at or for the best price that can be got for the
 same and do and shall pay one full moiety or half part of the Money to arise by such Sale and of
 the clear Rents and profits which shall arise or accrue from or in respect of the same Premises in the
 mean time and until such Sale unto or for the proper use and benefit of my Nephew Prince Charles
 of Hesse second Son of my late Sister Mary Land Grävine of Hesse deceased his Executors and Administrators
 And do and shall pay the other moiety or half part of the Money to arise by such Sale and of such clear
 Rents and profits unto or for the proper use and benefit of my Nephew Prince Frederick of Hesse third
 Son of my said late Sister Mary Land Grävine of Hesse deceased his Executors and Administrators And
 whereas I have contracted and agreed by myself or my agent for the purchase of the Inheritance in
 Fee Simple of and in three Fields Closes or pieces or parcels of Land situate at Gunnersbury aforesaid with
 the appurtenances and such Contract hath been reduced into writing and duly signed Now my
 Will is and I do hereby direct that the said Contract shall be carried into execution as soon as may
 be after my decease in case it shall not be done in my Life time and that the Premises so contracted
 for shall be conveyed unto and to the Use of the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord
 Pelham and their Heirs But in case the said Contract shall be carried into execution in my Life
 time Then I give and devise the said three Fields Closes or pieces or parcels of Land so contracted for with
 the appurtenances unto and to the Use of the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham
 and their Heirs In Trust in either case that they or the Survivor of them or the Heirs of such Survivor
 shall and do make Sale thereof as and in the manner hereinbefore directed concerning my other Freehold
 Estate at Gunnersbury and shall and do pay apply and dispose of the Money arising by such Sale and
 the intermediate Rents Issues and Profits thereof in such manner as I have hereinbefore directed the
 Money to arise by the Sale of my said other Estates at Gunnersbury and the Rents Issues and profits
 thereof to be paid applied and disposed of And I give devise and bequeath unto the said William
 Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham their Heirs Executors and Administrators All that my
 Messuage or Tenement and Dwellinghouse in Cavendish Square in the said County of Middlesex with
 the Offices and appurtenances thereunto belonging And also all my Furniture in my same House
 (Except Plate, Linen, China, Books and Family Pictures) To hold unto and to the Use of the said

William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham their Heirs Executors and Administrators —
according to the nature and quality thereof Upon Trust nevertheless that they the said William
Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham or the Survivor of them his Heirs Executors or —
Administrators do and shall as soon as conveniently may be after my Decease make sale —
and dispose of my last mentioned Messuage or Tenement and Dwelling house with the Offices —
and Appurtenances and the Furniture in the same House (Except as aforesaid) to any Person —
or Persons who shall be willing to purchase the same at or for the best price that can be got
for the same and do and shall with and out of the Money to arise by such Sale as —
aforesaid forthwith or as soon as conveniently may be after such Sale pay the Sum of Four
thousand Pounds unto Lady Elizabeth Waldegrave one of the Daughters of the Right Honorable
John Earl Waldegrave deceased her Executors Administrators or assigns if the said Lady Elizabeth
Waldegrave shall be living at my decease to and for her own proper use and Benefit And the
further Sum of Four thousand Pounds to Lady Caroline Waldegrave the other Daughter of the
said John Earl Waldegrave deceased her Executors Administrators or assigns if she the said Lady
Caroline Waldegrave shall be living at my decease to and for her own proper use and benefit And
after payment of the said several Sums of Four thousand Pounds and Four thousand Pounds or
such of them as shall become payable do and shall pay the remainder (if any there shall be)
of the Money to arise by such Sale as aforesaid and if neither of the said Sums shall become
payable Then the whole of the Money arising by such Sale unto my said two Nephews Prince
Charles of Hesse and Prince Frederick of Hesse in equal Moieties share and share alike their
respective Executors Administrators and assigns to and for their own respective proper use and benefit
Provided always and I do hereby declare that the Receipt and Receipts of the said William
Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham or the Survivor of them his Heirs Executors or —
Administrators shall be a good and effectual discharge to the Purchaser or respective Purchasers
of my said Messuage or Tenement Lands and Hereditaments at Gunnersbury with the Appurtenances
of the said Lands so contracted for with the Appurtenances and of my said Messuage or Tenement
in Cavendish Square with the Appurtenances and the Furniture hereinbefore directed to be sold
respectively for his her or their purchase Money or so much thereof as shall be therein —
acknowledged or expressed to be received And that after such Receipt or Receipts so given
such Purchaser or Purchasers their his or her Heirs Executors Administrators or assigns shall
not be answerable or accountable for the loss misapplication or nonapplication thereof or of
any part thereof And whereas I am intitled to a Pension charged upon the Irish —
Establishment in which there are now to come about seven years and which Pension produces
me a clear Income of about Eight hundred and fifty pounds a year NOW I do by this
my Will give and bequeath the said Pension and all the Money payable by virtue thereof
unto the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham their Executors and —
Administrators Upon Trust nevertheless that they the said William Earl of Besborough and —
Thomas Lord Pelham and the Survivor of them his Executors and Administrators do and shall
pay and apply the same in the manner following (that is to say) To my Bed-Chamber
Woman Mrs Mary Russell the clear yearly Sum of Three hundred Pounds part thereof during
so many Years of the Term which at the time of my decease shall be to come in the same
Pension as she shall happen to live To my Bed-Chamber-Woman Mrs Pooley Onslow the
clear yearly Sum of Two hundred Pounds other part thereof during so many Years of the —
same Term as she shall happen to live To my Bed-Chamber-Woman Mrs Mary Howard —
the clear yearly Sum of One hundred Pounds other part thereof during so many Years of the
same Term as she shall happen to live To my Steward John Turner the Elder the clear
yearly Sum of One hundred and fifty pounds other part thereof during so many Years of the

same Term as he shall happen to live To Jane David of Sunbury in the County of -----
 Middlesex the clear Yearly Sum of Fifty pounds other part thereof during so many Years of
 The same Term as she shall happen to live And to Janet Wilson my first Wardrobe ---
 Woman if in my Service at the time of my decease the like clear Yearly Sum of Fifty ---
 Pounds other part thereof during so many Years of the same Term as she shall happen to ---
 live The same several Yearly Sums to be paid half Yearly by equal Portions at Christmas-day
 and Midsummer day in every Year and the first half Yearly payment thereof respectively to
 be made on such of the said Days as shall next happen after my decease And in case
 my said Pension shall produce at any time or times more than the clear Yearly Sum of ---
 Eight hundred and fifty pounds I direct the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas
 Lord Pelham and the Survivor of them his Executors and Administrators to pay such Overplus
 Yearly as often as the same shall be to the said John Turner the Elder during so many
 Years of the same Term as he and the said Mary Russell, Pooley Onslow, Mary Howard,
 Jane David and Janet Wilson shall jointly live And in case any one or more of the
 said several Persons to whom I have directed the said Annual Sums to be paid as aforesaid
 shall happen to die in the Life time of the said John Turner the Elder Then from and after
 the decease of such one or more Person or persons It is my Will and I do hereby direct
 that the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham and the Survivor of them
 his Executors and Administrators do and shall pay to the same John Turner during so many Years
 of the Term which at the time of the decease of such Person or persons shall be to come in the
 said Pension as he the said John Turner shall happen to live (but without prejudice to the other ---
 Annuitants) the further clear Yearly Sum of One hundred Pounds or so much thereof as the then ---
 undisposed of part of the said Pension for the time being will extend to pay over and besides and
 in addition to the said Annual Sum of One hundred and fifty pounds which I have hereinbefore directed
 to be paid to him as aforesaid And whereas the said Pension is not regularly paid half Yearly
 or as it becomes due which may prove a great inconvenience to the several Persons to whom I have
 given the said Annual Sums as aforesaid Now therefore in order that such annual payments
 may be made regularly half Yearly on the days aforesaid or within forty days after although the same
 Pension shall not then be received I do hereby give to the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas
 Lord Pelham their Executors and Administrators all arrears of the said Pension that shall be due at my
 decease hereby directing my said Trustees and the Survivor of them his Executors and Administrators
 to apply the whole or any part of such Arrears in making good the payments hereinbefore directed
 to be made of the several Annual Sums aforesaid on the days hereinbefore mentioned To the Intent
 that the same Annual Sums may be paid regularly and punctually by half Yearly payments on the
 days hereinbefore appointed or mentioned for payment thereof or within forty days afterwards And as
 to the residue or surplussage (if any such shall be) of the said Pension in case of the death of any
 one or more of the said several Persons amongst whom I have distributed the same Subject and
 without prejudice to the payment of the said additional Yearly Sum of One hundred Pounds to the
 said John Turner the Elder if he shall be living Or in case any part or parts of the said Annual

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Sums hereinbefore directed to be paid or of any of them shall be made good out of the other Fund hereinbefore by me established for securing the punctual payment thereof And also as to the whole of the said Pension in case all the said Annuitants shall die — whilst the said Pension shall be subsisting And also as to the said arrears of the same Pension or so much of such Arrears as shall not have been applied for the purposes aforesaid It is my Will and I do hereby direct that the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham or the Survivor of them his Executors or Administrators do and shall pay and apply the same respectively unto such person and persons and in such manner as I shall by any Codicil Memorandum or other writing direct or appoint And in Case I shall make no such direction or appointment Then It is my Will that the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham their Executors or Administrators do and shall stand and be possessed of the same several Premises or so much thereof as shall not have been applied for the purposes aforesaid In Trust for my said two Nephews Prince Charles of Hesse and Prince Frederick of Hesse in Moieties or equal Shares their respective Executors and Administrators and do and shall pay and assign the same accordingly And I give and bequeath to the several persons hereinafter named the following Legacies in Stock (that is to say) To my said Nephew Prince Charles of Hesse Twenty thousand Pounds of my Stock called Three per Centum Consolidated Bank Annuities which I direct shall be transferred as soon after my decease as conveniently may be by my Executors to my said Nephew or unto such person or persons as he shall by writing under his hand direct or appoint And to my said other Nephew Prince Frederick of Hesse Twenty thousand Pounds of my same Stock called Three per Centum Consolidated Bank Annuities which I direct shall be transferred as soon after my decease as conveniently may be by my Executors to my said Nephew Prince Frederick or unto such person or persons as he shall by writing under his hand direct or appoint To Lady Henrietta Vernon one of the Ladies of my Bed Chamber Three thousand Pounds of my Stock called Three per Centum Bank Annuities of the Year One thousand seven hundred and twenty six To Lady Ann Howard one other of the Ladies of my Bed Chamber Five thousand Pounds of the same Stock To Margaret Countess of Barrymore the other Lady of my Bed Chamber Three thousand Pounds of the same Stock To Mrs. Mary Boughton of Henrietta Street Cavendish Square One thousand Pounds of the same Stock And to my Bed Chamber-woman Mary Howard Five hundred Pounds of the same Stock which last mentioned Legacies I direct shall be transferred as soon after my decease as conveniently may be by my Executors to them the said Lady Henrietta Vernon Lady Ann Howard Margaret Countess of Barrymore Mary Boughton and Mary Howard respectively or unto such person or persons as they shall respectively by writing under their respective hands and notwithstanding any of them being Married direct or appoint And I do hereby declare my Will to be that the receipt and respective Receipts of my Legatees hereinbefore named respectively or of such person or persons as they shall respectively appoint in the manner aforesaid to receive their respective Legacies or Sums of Money whether Sums in Gross or Annual Sums shall be a good and sufficient discharge for the same respectively or so much thereof as shall be therein acknowledged or expressed to be received And I give and bequeath unto the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham their Executors and Administrators Five thousand Pounds

of my said Stock called three per Centum Bank Annuities of the Year one thousand seven hundred and twenty six Upon Trust nevertheless that they the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham and the Survivor of them his Executors and Administrators do and shall pay the Dividends Interest and annual proceed thereof unto the Lady Ann Noel Sister of the Earl of Gainsborough for and during the term of her natural life and from and after her decease Upon trust that they the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham or the Survivor of them his Executors or Administrators do and shall assign and transfer the same last mentioned five thousand and five hundred pounds Stock to my said Nephew Prince Charles of Hesse his Executors Administrators or Assigns And I give and bequeath unto the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham their Executors and Administrators two thousand pounds of my said Stock called three per Centum Bank Annuities of the Year one thousand seven hundred and twenty six Upon trust that they the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham and the Survivor of them his Executors and Administrators do and shall pay the Dividends Interest and annual proceed thereof unto my said Nephew Prince Charles of Hesse his Executors Administrators and Assigns until such time as the term now to come in the said Irish Pension shall expire and upon the expiration thereof Upon further trust to assign and transfer the said last mentioned two thousand pounds Stock unto my said Bedchamber Woman Mary Russell in case she shall be living at the expiration of the term now to come in the said Irish Pension but in case the said Mary Russell shall depart this life before the expiration of the term now to come in the said Irish Pension Then Upon trust that the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham or the Survivor of them his Executors or Administrators do and shall assign and transfer the same last mentioned two thousand pounds Stock called three per Centum Bank Annuities of the Year one thousand seven hundred and twenty six unto my said Nephew Prince Charles of Hesse his Executors Administrators or Assigns And I give and bequeath unto the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham their Executors and Administrators one thousand pounds more of my same Stock called three per Centum Bank Annuities of the Year one thousand seven hundred and twenty six Upon trust that they the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham and the Survivor of them his Executors and Administrators do and shall pay the Dividends Interest and annual proceed of the same one thousand pounds Stock unto the said Prince Charles of Hesse his Executors Administrators and Assigns until such time as the term now to come in the said Irish Pension shall expire and upon the expiration thereof Upon further Trust to assign and transfer the said last mentioned one thousand pounds Stock unto my said Bedchamber Woman Pooley Onslow (in case she shall be living at the expiration of the term now to come in the said Irish Pension) But in case the said Pooley Onslow shall depart this life before the expiration of the term now to come in the said Irish Pension Then Upon trust that the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham or the Survivor of them his Executors or Administrators do and shall assign and transfer the

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same last mentioned one thousand pounds Stock called three per Centum Bank Annuities of the Year one thousand seven hundred and twenty six unto the said Prince Charles of Hesse his Executors Administrators or Assigns And I give and Bequeath unto the said William Earl of Besborough and Thomas Lord Fulham my Trustees and my Executors hereinafter named each one thousand pounds of my same Stock called three per Centum Bank Annuities of the Year one thousand seven hundred and twenty six immediately upon my decease to and for their own respective proper use and benefit And I give and Bequeath unto my said Nephew Prince Frederick of Hesse all my Silver and Gilt plate (except my Gilt dressing plate and Toilett) And I give and Bequeath unto my Nephew William Landgrave of Hesse the picture of the late Queen, the pictures in Oil of the late King and Queen my Brothers picture my Grandmothers picture and also the picture of my said late Sister the Landgravine of Hesse And I give and bequeath to my Niece Wilhelmina Landgravine of Hesse my Gilt Dressing plate and Toilett and the picture of her Brother the King of Denmark and also my four Rings and my two Brilliant Sleeve Knotts And I give and Bequeath to my Niece Augusta Dutches of Brunswick my seven Brilliant Buttons and three dropit Brilliant Earrings and which if my said Niece approves of it I desire may (after her decease) be given to her Daughter my God Daughter And I give and Bequeath to my Niece the Princess of Weillbourg my repeating watch which was the late Queens and my two Gold Boxes with the late Queens picture in them And I give and bequeath unto my Nephew the Prince of Orange the Ring with his mothers picture And I give and Bequeath to Prince Charles Duke of Brunswick my Gold Snuff Box with the picture of the late King in it And I give and Bequeath to my Niece Princess Charles of Hesse my Braceletts And I give and Bequeath to the Countess of Holderness my Silver Clock And I give and Bequeath to my Chaplain Dr. Bell all my Books and manuscripts in both my Houses and also the picture of Erasmus given to me by Father Le Courier And I give and Bequeath the following Legacies in money that is to say To each of my Bedchamber Women at the time of my decease the sum of one hundred pounds a piece which I particularly direct shall be paid within one month after my decease And I give and Bequeath to my Gentlemen Ushers page of Honor and my said Chaplain each one Years Salary to be paid as soon as conveniently may be after my decease And I give and bequeath the following further Legacies in money to be also paid as soon after my decease as conveniently may be that is to say, To my said Steward John Turner the elder five hundred pounds over and besides what I have before given him To John Turner the younger if in my Service at the time of my decease the sum of three hundred pounds To the said Janet Wilson if in my service at the time of my decease the sum of three hundred pounds over and besides what I have hereinbefore given her To my other Wardrobe Woman at the time of my decease the Sum of Two hundred pounds To my Pages of the Back Stairs and my Butler each the sum

of three hundred pounds To my Clerk of the Stables Cook and Porter each the sum
 of two hundred pounds To my Servant who looks after my House at Gunnersbury
 the sum of two hundred pounds And to my Servant who looks after my House
 in Cavendish Square in the summer the sum of two hundred pounds To John
 Oldfield my Surveyor the sum of two hundred pounds To my Housekeeper Joice
 Hewley if in my Service at the time of my decease the sum of one hundred
 pounds And to my Coachmen and Footmen at the time of my decease each the sum
 of fifty pounds and to each of my other Servants at the time of my decease to
 whom no Annuity or Legacy is hereinbefore given one Years wages And I direct the
 sum of five hundred pounds to be distributed amongst such of the poor of the
 Parish of Ealing not receiving Alms and in such proportions as my Executors shall
 think proper And the further sum of five hundred pounds to be distributed
 amongst such of the poor of the Parish of Saint Mary le Bone not receiving Alms
 in such proportions as my Executors shall think proper And I direct that my Family
 be continued and kept together for one month next after my decease and that my Executors
 do pay my Servants Salaries and wages and all expences of Housekeeping during such
 time And as for and concerning all the rest residue and remainder of my
 property in the public Funds not hereinbefore specifically disposed of after the payment
 of my said Legacies whether in Stock or money of all money which I may owe at the
 time of my decease of the expences of keeping my House and Family for one Month
 as aforesaid and all other expences attending the execution of this my Will And
 also after payment of all such Legacies and sums of money as I shall by any Codicil
 Memorandum or other writing give or direct to be paid to any Person or Persons
 whomsoever all which it is my Will shall be paid and discharged intirely out of my
 property in the Funds in case the same shall be sufficient I give and bequeath unto my
 said Nephew Prince Charles his Executors Administrators and assigns And I give and
 bequeath all the rest and residue of my personal Estate not hereinbefore specifically
 bequeathed or hereafter to be given bequeathed or directed to be delivered in or by any
 Codicil Memorandum or writing unto my said two Nephews Prince Charles of Hesse
 and Prince Frederick of Hesse in Moities share and share alike their respective
 Executors and Administrators absolutely Subject nevertheless to the making good any
 deficiency that may happen to be in my property in the Funds to answer the purposes
 aforesaid And I do hereby constitute and appoint the said William Earl of Besborough
 and Thomas Lord Pelham Executors of this my Will and Testament desiring them to
 see the same punctually performed And I direct that the said William Earl of
 Besborough and Thomas Lord Pelham respectively and their respective Heirs Executors
 and Administrators shall from time to time be fully paid and reimbursed all and
 every sum and sums of money Costs Charges Damages and Expences which shall be
 expended by or occasioned to them respectively in or about the execution of my said
 Will or the trusts hereby reposed in them respectively and that they or either of
 them or the Heirs Executors or Administrators of either of them shall not be
 charged or chargeable with the loss of any Money or any other loss that shall

not happen through their own respective wilful default nor be accountable for any monies but what shall come to their respective hands nor one for the other of them or for the Receipts Disbursements Acts or Deeds or Defaults of the other but each for his own Receipts Disbursements Acts and Deeds and wilful defaults only And Lastly revoking all former wills by me made I do declare this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have to two parts of this my last Will and Testament each part contained in five sheets of paper— set my hand and seal (that is to say) my hand to the four first Sheets thereof and my hand and seal to this last Sheet thereof) this twenty fourth day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five

Signed Sealed and Published by
the Testatrix Amelia Princess of England—
as and for her last will and Testament in the
presence of us the three several persons who—
subscribe our names as Witnesses hereto in the—
presence of the said Testatrix and of each
other

Amelia (25)

Edw^d. Fox

Tho^s. M. Hartington

Edw^d. Boodle

The following are in her Royal Highness the Princess Amelia's own
hand writing.

If Turner should die before 92—100 of the pension is to go to Howard
& the remainder to Wilson the Wardrobe Woman 1786

Amelia

I leave L^{dy} Templetown one thousand pound Stock in July & for her
common affluity in my painful illness in September one thousand p^d Stock
more 1786.

Amelia

I left L^{dy} Templetown in July one thousand pound Stock I now in
September from her behaviour in my long illness leave her one more thousand p^d
Stock which makes two in all Sept^r 19th 1786

Amelia

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