

The Last Will & Testament of
Gabriel Fouace, of Covent Garden, Esq.

dated 13 August 1753



In the name of God Amen, I Gabriel Fouace of the parish of Saint Paul Covent Garden in the county of Middlesex Woolen Draper being of perfect mind memory and understanding praised be to Almighty God for the same but considering the uncertainty of this life do make [publick] and declare this paper writing to be my last Will and Testament in a manner following that is to say first my Will is that all my just debts funeral and other indentures charges and expenses be fully paid and satisfied by my good friends Dr. Lewis Combrino of Sothbury Blankenshall Bantor and Merchant and Dr. Thomas Paulin of the same parish of Saint Paul Covent Garden whom I do hereby name and appoint Executors and Trustees of this my last Will and Testament and I do give unto each of them my said executors and trustees the sum of twenty pounds over and above all charges and expenses that they or either of them shall or may necessarily be at in and about the executing of this my Will and my Will is that all my Estate whether real or personal Goods and Chattels except as herein after by me is given may be disposed of and converted into ready money by my said Executors and Trustees as soon as [?] may be after my decease and that the same may be sold by [publick] auction or otherwise at the Will and discretion of my said Executors and Trustees I give unto my said Executors and Trustees the sum of twelve hundred pounds in Trust to place and put out the same in their own names with all [?] speed in government or such other good and sufficient security or securities as they shall think most safe and admissible and my Will is and I do direct and desire my said Executors and Trustees and the Survivor of them and the Executors or Administrators of such survivor to give and pay the interest and [?] of the said twelve hundred pounds unto my wife Ann Fouace for and during her natural life by quarterly payments I give also to my said wife the sum of fifty pounds which I desire my said Executors may pay her within [four?] days after my decease or sooner if [reimbursement] I give her likewise all my [?] in general and I also give her the liberty of taking and throwing out of my household goods furniture and plate to and for her own proper use and benefit so much thereof as shall be fairly appraised and valued at the full sum of seventy pounds and no more and my Will is that from and after the decease of my said wife and I do give the sum of eight hundred pounds part of the said principal sum of twelve hundred pounds to my son Gabriel Fouace to be paid him by my said Executors and Trustees at the age of twenty and one years and in the mean time to pay and apply the interest and produce thereof towards his maintenance and education and I do give the sum of four hundred pounds being the remaining part of the said sum of twelve hundred pounds unto my wife's daughter Susannah who herebefore for private reasons was and still is known and called by the name of Susannah Brown to be paid her at her age of twenty and one years or day of marriage the interest and produce thereof in the meantime also to be paid and applied towards her maintenance and education and in case at the time of the decease of my said wife my said son Gabriel should be dead or should afterwards happen to dye before the age of twenty and one years then I do give the said sum of eight hundred pounds so given to him to be divided between the said Susannah Brown and my daughter Sarah Fouace (by my former wife) to be paid them at their respective ages of

twenty and one years or day of marriage but and in case the said Susannah shall then also be dead or should happen to dye before the age of twenty and one years or day of marriage then my Will is that the said sum of eight hundred pounds be divided between my said Daughter Sarah Houace her executors or administrators and my nephew Stephen DeBas of the parish of Saint Giles in the Fields in the said County of Middlesex Brewer his executors or administrators and also in case it shall happen at the time of the death of my said wife that the said Susannah should be dead or should afterwards happen to dye before the age of twenty and one years or day of marriage then be divided between my said son Gabriel and my said Daughter Sarah to be paid them at their respective ages of twenty and one years or day of marriage of my said daughter Sarah but if my said son Gabriel shall not then be living or should afterwards happen to dye before his age of twenty and one years then I will the some to be equally divided between my said daughter Sarah and my said nephew Stephen DeBas and in case it shall so happen that neither my said son Gabriel nor the said Susannah shall be living at the decease of my said wife then my Will is and I do give the sum of one thousand pounds part of the said principal sum of twelve hundred pounds to my said daughter Sarah to be paid her at the age of twenty and one years or day of marriage and the remaining two hundred pounds I give to my said nephew Stephen DeBas and in case my said daughter Sarah should also be dead or should happen to die before her age of twenty and one years or day of marriage then and in such case I give the whole principal sum of twelve hundred pounds to my said nephew Stephen DeBas his executors and administrators I give to my said son Gabriel the sum of six hundred pounds to be paid him at the age of twenty and one years and in the meantime I do empower and desire my said Executors and Trustees to place and put out and apply the Interest and produce thereof towards the maintenance and education of my said son and if my said wife shall be desirous to have the care of the maintenance and education of my said son then I do desire my said Executors and Trustees to pay the interest and income of my said son's fortune unto my said wife for that purpose until he shall attain to the age of six years and no longer from that age I desire my said Executors and Trustees to take all proper care of his maintenance and education and for the better enabling them so to do as also for the better [advising?] and promoting my said son I do also empower and authorize my said Executors and Trustees and do give them a discretionary permission to break into the principal of my said son's fortune and to pay out and dispose of any part thereof when and so often as they shall think fit and see occasion for so doing for the advancement of my said son in the world and in case my said son shall happen to dye before the age of twenty and one years then I give the said some of six hundred pounds to be divided equally between my said wife and the said Susannah if the said Susannah be then living but if the said Susannah shall be dead then I give the said six hundred pounds to be divided between my wife and my said daughter Sarah Houace but if my said wife shall not then be living I give four hundred pounds part of the said six hundred pounds to my said daughter Sarah her executors and administrators and the remaining two hundred pounds I give to my said nephew Stephen DeBas his executors and administrators I give the said Susannah Brown the sum of six hundred pounds to be paid her at the age of twenty and one years or day of marriage which shall first happen and in the meantime I desire my said Executors and Trustees to place and put out the same in [?] or other good securities at their discretion and to pay and apply the interest and produce thereof towards the maintenance and education of the said Susannah and if my wife shall also be desirous to house the care maintenance and education of her said daughter the said Susannah during her minority then I do will and desire my said Executors and Trustees to pay the Interest and income of the said Susannah's fortune to my said wife for their purpose and in case the said Susannah shall happen to dye before her age of twenty and one years or day of marriage then I do give the said six hundred pounds above bequeathed to her to be equally divided between my said wife and my said son Gabriel if he be living if not then I do give and desire the same may be divided between my said wife and my said daughter Sarah Houace but if my said wife shall not be then living then I likewise give four hundred pounds part of the said six hundred

pounds to my said Daughter Sarah and the remaining two hundred pounds I give to my said nephew Stephen LeBas and if my said daughter Sarah shall happen to dye before the age of twenty and one years or day of marriage then I give the whole six hundred pounds to my said nephew Stephen LeBas and whereas by [?] or obligation bearing date on or about the twentieth day of August One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two I become bound to Joseph Burton of Basingstoke in the County of Southampton Gentleman in the sum of four thousand pounds conditioned for the payment of two thousand pounds to the said Joseph Burton and Charles Houace and Trustees for and on behalf of my said daughter Sarah Houace in manner as in and by the condition of the said Bond in particularly mentioned [?] will and mind is and I do give unto my said daughter Sarah Houace the sum of two thousand pounds to be paid her at the age of twenty and one years or day of marriage provided such marriage be with the consent of the said Joseph Burton and Charles Houace his trustees [?] the said bond and my will also is that the said two thousand pounds by me now given to my said daughter Sarah be in full satisfaction and discharge of the said bond and that upon payment thereof the said bond be delivered up to my said Executors to be [?] otherwise I will and desire my said Executors and Trustees to retain the said two thousand pounds in their hands In Trust to answer the purport and effect of the said bond and in the meantime to place out the same in government or other good security and to pay the interest thereof to my said daughter Sarah until she shall attain the age of twenty and one years or until such day of marriage to enable her in the meantime to keep and maintain herself I give to my said nephew Stephen LeBas the sum of twenty pounds I give to each of my said Executors and Trustees a mourning rings of one guinea value I also give like mourning rings to the following persons each namely to the said Stephen LeBas and to his wife and three eldest children to my cousin Daniel Tyrrel of Saint Mary le Bone to the said Charles Houace to the said Joseph Burton to Mrs. Elizabeth Lucas my late wife's sister to Mrs. Dorothy Paulin to Mr. John Paulin and Mr. [?] Paulin to Mr. James Dourse my apprentice and to Mr. Elias Philip Delaporte attorney whom my will is and I do desire my said Executors and Trustees to consult and employ as our attorney or Solicitor whom and so after as need shall be and require in and about my affairs and [?] the executing of this my Will I desire also my said Executors to employ my good friend Mr. Richard [?] of Norris Street Goldsmith and Jeweller to make the mourning rings all the rest residue and remainder of such Estate as I shall leave or be entitled unto at the time of my decease whether real or personal I give desire and bequeath to be equally divided between my said son Gabriel Houace and my said daughter Sarah Houace to be paid my said son at the age of twenty and one years and my said daughter at the age of twenty and one years or day of marriage and if either of them dye before he or she be entitled to receive his or her moiety then the sum is to go the survivor and if both should happen to dye before their respective times above limited for payment of such [?] thereof I give to my said nephew Stephen LeBas and the interest and produce of the other moiety thereof I give to my said wife during her life and from and after her decease I give the said moiety also to the said Stephen LeBas Lastly I do hereby revoke all former Wills and Testamentary disposition by me at any time heretofore made and in Testimony that this is my last Will and Testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal the tenth day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty three Gabriel Houace ~ Signed sealed published and declared by the above testator Gabriel Houace as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Testator and in the presence of each other James Dourse ~ John Belgraves ~ Richard Banbury

This Will was proved at London on the thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty three before the worshipful George Harris Doctor of Laws and Surrogate of the Right Honourable Sir George [Leo?] knight also Doctor of Laws... &c;

Devonshire but now of 20 lites Alley near Coloman Street in
the City of London & being without being of sound and
disposing mind memory and understanding do hereby make
this my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to
say) first I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Mary
Forster her heirs executors administrators and assigns all my
real and personal Estate of what nature or kind soever and
wheresoever subject to the payment of my just debts and
funeral expences which I am now or may hereafter be
entitled unto for and during so long as she shall continue
my widow and unmarried to any other man but in case
my said wife shall happen to intermarry then I give and
devise to my two sons Thomas Forster and John Forster
their heirs executors administrators and assigns two third
parts of all such my real and personal Estate and Estates
whatsoever and wheresoever to be equally divided
betwixt them share and share alike and I do hereby nominate
to constitute and appoint my said wife Mary Forster Executrix
of this my last Will and Testament and revoking all former
and other Wills by me made do declare this my last
Will and Testament but witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the eighteenth day of January in
the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
fifty three John Forster his mark signed sealed published and
declared by the said testator John Forster as and for his last
Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence
and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses
hereto W^m Howat for Peter Lane - W^m Harborne - Rob^t Gibbs.

This Will was proved at London on the thirteenth
day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and fifty three before the Worshipful Andrew
Coltee Esquire Doctor of Laws and Surrogate of the
Right Honourable Sir George Lee Knight also Doctor
of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the
Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by
the Oath of Mary Forster widow the Relict of the deceased
and the sole Executrix named in the said Will to whom
administration was granted of all and singular the Goods
Chattels and Credits of the said deceased being first sworn
duely to administer.

Gabriel Fouace In the Name of God Amen
I Gabriel Fouace of the parish of Saint Paul Covent Garden
in the County of Middlesex Woollen Draper being of
perfect mind memory and understanding praised be
Almighty God for the same but considering the
uncertainty of this life do make publish and declare this
paper writing to be my last Will and Testament in

manner following that is to say first my Will is that all my
 just debts funeral and other incident charges and expenses be
 fully paid and satisfied by my good friends Mr Lewis Combrune
 of Southmy 22 Markwell hall ffactor and Merchant and Mr Thomas
 Paulin of the same parish of Saint Paul Covent Garden now
 one of the principal and coal writers for the City and Liberty
 of Westminster whom I do hereby name and appoint Executors
 and Trustees of this my last Will and Testament and I do give
 unto each of them my said Executors and Trustees the sum of
 twenty pounds over and above all charges and expenses
 that they or either of them shall or may necessarily be at
 in and about the executing of this my Will and my Will is
 that all my Estate whether real or personal Goods and
 Chattels except as herein after by me is given may be
 disposed of and converted into ready money by my said
 Executors and Trustees as soon as conveniently may be after
 my decease and that the same may be sold by publick auction
 or otherwise at the Will and discretion of my said Executors
 and Trustees I give unto my said Executors and Trustees
 the sum of twelve hundred pounds in trust to place and put
 out the same in their own names with all convenient speed
 in Government or such other good and sufficient security
 or securities as they shall think most safe and advisable
 and my Will is and I do direct and desire my said
 Executors and Trustees and the Survivor of them and the
 Executors or Administrators of such Survivor to give and
 pay the interest and produce of the said twelve
 hundred pounds unto my wife Ann ffenare for and during
 her natural life by quarterly payments I also to my said wife
 the sum of fifty pounds which I desire my said Executors may
 pay her within ten days after my decease or sooner if
 convenient I give her likewise all my Sinnen in general
 and I also give her the liberty of taking and removing out of
 my Household Goods furniture and plate to and for her own
 proper use and benefit so much thereof as shall be fairly
 appraised and valued at the full sum of seventy pounds
 and no more and my Will is that from and after the
 decease of my said wife and I do give the sum of eight
 hundred pounds part of the said principal sum of twelve
 hundred pounds to my son Gabriel ffenare to be paid him
 by my said Executors and Trustees at the age of twenty
 and one years and in the mean time to pay and apply the
 Interest and produce thereof towards his maintenance and
 education and I do give the sum of four hundred pounds
 being the remaining part of the said sum of twelve hundred
 pounds unto my wifes daughter Susannah who heretofore
 for private reasons was and still is known and called by
 the name of Susannah Brown to be paid her at her age
 of twenty and one years or day of marriage the Interest
 and produce thereof in the mean time also to be paid and
 applied towards her maintenance and education and in
 case at the time of the decease of my said wife my said son

Gabriel should be dead or should afterwards happen to dye before the age of twenty and one years then I do give the said sum of eight hundred pounds so given to him to be divided between the said Susannah Brown and my daughter Sarah ffouare (by my former wife) to be paid them at their respective ages of twenty and one years or day of Marriage but and in case the said Susannah shall then also be dead or should happen to dye before the age of twenty and one years or day of marriage then my Will is that the said sum of eight hundred pounds be divided between my said daughter Sarah ffouare her Executors or administrators and my nephew Stephen dezas of the parish of Saint Giles in the fields in the said County of Middlesex Brewer his Executor or administrators and also in case it shall happen at the time of the death of my said wife that the said Susannah should be dead or should afterwards happen to dye before the age of twenty and one years or day of Marriage then I do give in like manner the said of four hundred pounds to be divided between my said son Gabriel and my said daughter Sarah to be paid them at their respective ages of twenty and one years or day of Marriage of my said daughter Sarah but if my said son Gabriel shall not then be living or should afterwards happen to dye before his age of twenty and one years then I will the same to be equally divided between my said daughter Sarah and my said nephew Stephen dezas and in case it shall so happen that neither my said son Gabriel nor the said Susannah shall be living at the decease of my said wife then my Will is and I do give the sum of one thousand pounds part of the said principal sum of twelve hundred pounds to my said daughter Sarah to be paid her at the age of twenty and one years or day of marriage and the remaining two hundred pounds I give to my said nephew Stephen dezas and in case my said daughter Sarah should also be dead or should happen to die before her age of twenty and one years or day of marriage then and in such case I do give the whole principal sum of twelve hundred pounds to my said nephew Stephen dezas his Executors and administrators I give to my said son Gabriel the sum of six hundred pounds to be paid him at the age of twenty and one years and in the meantime I do empower and desire my said Executors and Trustees to place and put out the same in Government or other good securities and to pay and apply the Interest and produce thereof towards the maintenance and education of my said son and if my said wife shall be desirous to have the care of the maintenance and education of my said son then I do desire my said Executors and Trustees to pay the Interest and income of my said sons fortune unto my said wife for that purpose until he shall attain to the age of six years and no longer and from that age I desire my said Executors and Trustees to take all proper care of his maintenance and education

and

and for the better enabling them so to do as also for the better
 advancing and promoting my said son I do also empower and
 authorize my said executors and trustees and do give them a
 discretionary permission to break into the principal of my said
 sons fortune and to lay out and dispose of any part thereof when
 and so often as they shall think fit and see occasion for so doing
 for the advancement of my said son in the world and in case
 my said son shall happen to dye before the age of twenty and
 one years then I give the said sum of six hundred pounds to
 be divided equally between my said wife and the said
 Susannah if the said Susannah be then living but if the said
 Susannah shall be dead then I give the said six hundred
 pounds to be divided between my wife and my said
 daughter Sarah Honore but if my said wife shall not then be
 living I give four hundred pounds part of the said six
 hundred pounds to my said daughter Sarah her executors
 and administrators and the remaining two hundred pounds
 I give to my said nephew Stephen Seddas his executors and
 administrators I give to the said Susannah Brown the sum of
 six hundred pounds to be paid her at the age of twenty and
 one years or day of marriage which shall first happen and
 in the mean time I desire my said executors and trustees
 to place and put out the same in Government or other
 good securities at their discretion and to pay and apply the
 interest and produce thereof towards the maintenance and
 education of the said Susannah and if my wife shall also
 be desirous to have the care maintenance and education of
 her said daughter the said Susannah during her nonage
 then I do will and desire my said executors and trustees to pay
 the interest and income of the said Susannahs fortune to my
 said wife for that purpose and in case the said Susannah
 shall happen to dye before her age of twenty and one years
 or day of marriage then I do give the said six hundred
 pounds above bequeathed to her to be equally divided
 between my said wife and my said son Gabriel if he be
 living if not then I do give and desire the same may be
 divided between my said wife and my said daughter Sarah
 Honore but if my said wife shall not be then living then I
 likewise give four hundred pounds part of the said six
 hundred pounds to my said daughter Sarah and the
 remaining two hundred pounds I give to my said nephew
 Stephen Seddas and if my said daughter Sarah shall happen
 to dye before her age of twenty and one years or day of
 marriage then I give the whole six hundred pounds to my
 said nephew Stephen Seddas and whereas by one bond or
 obligation bearing date on or about the twentieth day of
 August one thousand seven hundred and fifty two I became
 bound to Joseph Burton of Basingstoke in the County of
 Southampton Gentleman and Charles Honore of the City of
 London Gentleman in the sum of four thousand pounds
 conditioned for the payment of two thousand pounds to
 the said Joseph Burton and Charles Honore as trustees for

and on behalf of my said daughter Sarah Honore in manner as in and by the condition of the said Bond is particularly mentioned how my Will and mind is and I do give unto my said daughter Sarah Honore the sum of two thousand pounds to be paid her at the age of twenty and one years or day of marriage provided such marriage be with the consent of the said Joseph Burton and Charles Honore the Trustees of the said Bond and my Will also is that the said two thousand pounds by me now given to my said daughter Sarah be in full satisfaction and discharge of the said Bond and that upon payment thereof the said Bond be delivered up to my said Executors to be canceled otherwise I will and desire my said Executors and Trustees to retain the said two thousand pounds in their hands in trust to answer the purpose and effect of the said Bond and in the mean time to place out the same in Government or other good security and to pay the Interest thereof to my said daughter Sarah until she shall attain the age of twenty and one years or until such day of marriage to enable her in the mean time to keep and maintain her self I give to my said nephew Stephen Debass the sum of twenty pounds I give to each of my said Executors and Trustees a mourning ring of one Guinea value I also give like mourning rings to the following persons each namely to the said Stephen Debass and to his wife and three eldest children to my cousin Daniel Eyrel of Saint Mary de Bone to the said Charles Honore to the said Joseph Burton to Mrs Elizabeth Suras my late wifes sister to Mrs Dorothy Paulin to Mr John Paulin and Mr Henry Paulin to Mr James Rowse my apprentice and to Mr Elias Philip Delaporte Attorney whom my Will is and I do desire my said Executors and Trustees to consult and employ as an Attorney or Solicitor when and so often as need shall be and require in and about my affairs and touching the executing of this my Will I desire also my said Executors to employ my good friend Mr Richard Debaufre of Morris Street Goldsmith and Jeweller to make the mourning rings All the rest residue and remainder of such Estate as I shall leave or be entitled unto at the time of my decease whether real or personal I give devise and bequeath to be equally divided between my said son Gabriel Honore and my said daughter Sarah Honore to be paid my said son at the age of twenty and one years and my said daughter at the age of twenty and one years or day of marriage and if either of them dye before he or she be intitled to receive his or her moiety then the same is to go to the survivor and if both should happen to dye before their respective times above limited for payment of such residuum then I will the same as follows that is to say the one moiety thereof I give to my said nephew Stephen Debass and the Interest and produce of the other moiety thereof I give to my said wife during her life and from and after her decease I give the said moiety also to the said Stephen Debass Lastly I do hereby revoke all former Wills and Testamentary dispositions by me at any time

heretofore made and in testimony that this is my last will and testament I have herunto set my hand and seal the tenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty three Gabriel Houace signed sealed published and declared by the above testator Gabriel Houace as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have herunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other James Howles John Belgrave Richard Danbury

This Will was proved at London on the thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty three before the worshipful George Davis Doctor of Laws and surrogate of the right Honourable Sir George Lee Knight also Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the prerogative court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oath of Lewis Combrune and Thomas Paulin the Executors named in the said will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the said deceased being first sworn duly to administer.

In the Name of God Amen

Tho. Foster

Thomas Foster of Berroughstone's mariner being in bodily health and of sound and disposing mind and memory and considering the perils and dangers of the seas and other uncertainties of this transitory life (do for avoiding controversies after my decease) make public and declare this my last will and testament in manner following (that is to say) first I recommend my soul to God that gave it and my body I commit to the earth or sea as it shall please God to order and as for and concerning all my worldly estate I give bequeath and dispose thereof as followeth that is to say all wages tithes bounty money prize money short allowance money smart money and pensions as may be then due to me from the Government or otherwise and also all other wages sum and sums of money lands tenements goods chattels and estate whatsoever as shall be any ways due owing or belonging unto me at the time of my decease I do give devise and bequeath the same unto my friend Rebecca Winmore of Saint Catharines lower Hill London her heirs Executors and administrators for ever and I do hereby nominate and appoint the said Rebecca Winmore sole executrix of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former and other wills testaments and deeds of gift by me at any time heretofore made and I do ordain and ratify these presents to stand and be for and as my only last will and testament in witness whereof to this my said will I have set my hand and seal the fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand