

**Will of Moses Lopes Pereira, otherwise Diego de Aguilar. London, 5 August 1759.**

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In the Name of God Almighty, Amen.

I, Moses Lopes Pereira, Baron Diego de Aguilar of the Parish of Saint Botolph without Bishopgate, London, being indispos'd in body but of a sound and perfect mind, memory and understanding, blessed be God for the same considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof do make my last will and testament in manner following (that is to say): first and principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping though his Divine Mercy to receive forgiveness of all my sins, and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried in the Portuguese Jews Burial Ground at Mile End, and as for and concerning all such wordly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me and whereof I shall be posses'd or whereunto intituled at the time of my decease in England or elsewhere, I give devise and dispose of the same in manner following (viz.t): *Imprimis* I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid and satisfied. *Item* I give and bequeath unto the Parnassim and Gabay that then shall be of the Portuguese Jews Sinagogue the sum of one hundred pounds as a legacy. *Item* I give and devise unto the Treasurer and Parnas that then shall be of the Society or Brotherhood called Hez Haim the sum of fifty pounds as a legacy. *Item* I give and bequeath the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds to be paid to my daughter Rachel, for her to lay out in charity to the poor at three several periods (viz.<sup>4</sup>): at the seven days, at the month and at the eleventh month of my decease. *Item* I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Ephraim the sum of two thousand pounds capital consolidated annuities payable at the Bank together with the half years interest that should be running upon them at the time of my death over and above the three thousand five hundred pounds which I gave him in jewels and money at the time of his marriage and the ten thousand pounds when he attained the age of twenty one year, wherewith he enter'd unto a partnership with me under the name of Diego and Ephraim de Aguilar as appears by the

Books belonging to the said partnership, which I will shall terminate as soon as can be conveniently done after my death. *Item* I give and devise unto my dear daughter Sarah, the wife of Isaac Jesurun Alvares the sum of one thousand pounds over and above the four thousand pounds I gave her for portion at her marriage provided I should not have paid said sum to her in my lifetime, which will appear by my books, in which case this bequest to be null and of no effect, and in such case I only bequeath to her one hundred pounds as a legacy. *Item* I give and bequeath unto my grand daughters Ester and Simha, daughters of my said daughter Sarah, the sum of one hundred pounds to each as legacys to be paid to them upon receipt of their father if under age, or upon their own receipt if of age at the time of my death. *Item* I give, devise and bequeath unto my beloved daughters Rachel and Rebecah the sum of five thousand pounds capital stock in the South Sea Company to each, together with the half years interest that should be running upon the same at the time of my death, and moreover to my said daughter Rachel I bequeath the diamond earrings which I gave her before now. *Item* I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Hannah the sum of five thousand pounds consolidated annuities together with the half years interest that should be running upon the same at the time of my death. *Item* I give and bequeath unto my son David the sum of ten thousand pounds consolidated annuities and unto my daughters Ester, Leah, Judith and Abigail and to my son Joseph five thousand pound of like annuities to each and to my sons Salomon, Benjamin and Hananel four thousand pounds of like annuities to each to be paid to them at the age of twenty one year or on the day of marriage if they should marry with the consent of their guardians hereinafter named, and I will that if any of my said children should happen to dye before they become intituled to the bequest left to them by this will, that said bequest shall go and be paid unto my executors hereinafter named to be by them applied in the same manner as they are to divide the residue of my estate. *Item* I give and bequeath unto my dear daughter Sarah, the wife of my son Ephraim, the sum of one hundred pounds as as legacy. *Item* I give and bequeath unto my nieces Rachel, Sarah and Rebecah, the daughters of Abraham da Fonseca, the sum of one hundred pounds to each as a legacy. *Item* I give and bequeath unto my beloved sisters Rachel Alvares

Pereyra, and Ester Jesurun Alvares the sum of two hundred pounds to each as a legacy. Item I leave and devise unto Ester, the sister of my brother in law Jacob Alvares Pereyra the sum of thirty pounds yearly during her life to be paid to her in two equal payments, the first payment to be in the month of January or July, which shall first come after my death, and so to follow in every January and July during her life. *Item* I give and bequeath unto Moses Alvares Pereyra, nephew to my said late brother in law, the sum of one hundred pounds as a legacy. *Item* I bequeath unto David de Castro, Hazan of the Portuguese Jews Sinagogue fifty guineas for mourning, and I do hereby nominate and appoint my said beloved daughter Rachel and my beloved son Ephraim to be guardians to my children and desire them to be careful of their education, and lastly I give and bequeath unto each of my executors hereinafter named the sum of one hundred pounds for mourning, and I do hereby nominate and appoint my good friend Daniel Mendes Seixas, my dear son in law Isaac Jesurun Alvares, my beloved son Ephraim, and my friend Raphael Francia, executors of this my present will, and I do give, devise and bequeath unto my said executors or the survivors or survivor of them all the rest and residue of my estate in London or elsewhere, household, goods, plate, and china, and household linnen, and kitchen furniture with this trust and confidence that they will, as they are hereby directed, take possession thereof and lay the same out in consolidated annuities to be divided between my dear sons Joseph, Salomon, Benjamin and Hananel, at their respective age of twenty one year or day of marriage as aforesaid and I will that my said executors shall allow and pay unto the guardians above named at and after the rate of one hundred pounds a year for each of my children during their minority for their maintenance and education, and likewise a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds at the marriage of each of my daughters for the expenses of such occasions and also I will that they should allow and pay unto my son David for pocket expenses, cloathing, and other incident charges the sum of fifty pounds a year during his minority or day of marriage as aforesaid, and *Item* I give and hereby direct that if my daughter Rachel can keep all or the major part of my said children to live together, then in such case that the household goods, all or what of the plate she shall choose to keep, china,

linnen, and kitchen furniture shall not be sld but remain in her possession without taking an inventory thereof, for the use of those that shall be willing to remain together, willing moreover that my said executors may not be put to any expense or charges by or for reason of this trust, such expenses or charges being to be charged to the residue of my estate, and if any one or more of my said children should prove troublesome and shall put the said executors to anu charges I direct the same to be deducted out of the bequest of such a one and I do hereby revoke and annul all former wills, testaments or codicils by me heretofore made willing that these presents only stand and be as and for my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal to this my last will and testament this fifth day of August in the year of our sovereign Lord King George the second the thirty third, and in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine. Moses Lopes Pereira, Baron de Aguilar. Sign'd, seal'd and deliver'd in our presence having first declar'd to be his last will. Philip de la Cour. Isaac Penha. David Lameray.

This will was proved at London, the twentieth day of August in the year afour Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine before the worshipful Andrew Coltee Ducarel, doctor of Laws, and surrogate of the right worshipful Edward Simpson, also doctor of Laws, Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, lawfully constituted by the oaths of Daniel Mendes Seixas, Isaac Jesurun Alvares, Ephraim Lopes Pereira, Baron de Aguilar, the son of the deceased, and Raphael Francia, 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 having been first sworn duly to administer.