

Will of Joseph Henriques Sequeira. London, 31 March 1747.

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In the Name of God Amen.

I Joseph Henriques de Sequeyra, doctor in physick, dwelling in this City of London, finding myself sick a bad but in my perfect sense, memory and understanding and considering the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make this my last will and testament in manner following. Imprimis, I commend my soul to God Almighty and I will and desire that my body may be buried in the burying ground belonging to the Portuguese Jews of this City, with that decency my executors hereinafter named shall think convenient and as for and concerning the worldly estate wherewith God has been pleased to bless me and whereof I shall be possessed or whereunto intituled at the time of my decease, I dispose thereof in manner and form following to wit. In the first place, I will and it is my desire that all my debts which at the time of my decease I shall justly and truly owe shall be paid or discharged. I will and desire that there be paid out of the best of my estate unto my wife Lea de Sequeyra, otherwise Catherine de Roza, two hundred pounds sterling for her marriage contract and as to the rest and residue of all my goods, capital and effects which at the time of my death shall belong unto me, as well in the Kingdom of England, as in any part of the World, I leave and give them all to Mess.^s Lea de Sequeyra, Jacob Alvares Corcho, Dan Mendes Seixas and Isaac Cohen Delmonte, and to their executors and administrators forever, but upon this trust and confidence that they shall dispose of the same in manner following. In the first place, out of the yearly income of all the said remainder of my said estate to pay and give unto my father Abraham de Sequeyra and unto my mother in law Sarah de Sequeyra, his wife, the sum of thirty seven pounds sixteen shillings yearly during their lives or the life of the longest liver of them, and at the death of both of them, the said yearly annuity to cease and not otherwise it is likewise my will and desire that upon the deaths of my said father and said mother in law there be paid unto my sisters Ester, Deborah and Rachel Henriques de Sequeyra the sum of ten pounds sterling a year to each of them during their respective natural lives and at their

deaths the said annuity to revert to my above mentioned trustees. Item I will and desire that out of the said yearly income of all my said capital and effects my said executors shall pay unto my said wife Lea de Sequeyra one third part of all the said income and, at her death, the same to revert to my said trustees. Item I will and desire that my said trustees pay and give unto Rachel Bernal three guineas yearly during her natural life and, at her death, the same to revert to my said trustees for the uses hereinafter mentioned. Item I will and desire that during the nonage of my daughters Ester and Rebecca Henriques de Sequeyra, my said trustees pay unto my said wife thirty pounds sterling for each of their maintenance, education and other necessarys, leaving it at the option of my said trustees to augment the said sum of thirty pounds for the use of each of my said daughters to what more they shall think convenient and, as touching the residue of my estate bequeathed by these presents to my said trustees upon trust, I will shall be divided into two equal parts and begiven or delivered to my said two daughters Ester and Rebecca Henriques de Sequeyra at the time of their respectively attaining to the age of one and twenty years or days of marriage if they shall happen to marry before attaining the said age of one and twenty years, my said executor always reserving in their own hands a sufficient stock to defray the yearly payments above mentioned in the case the said marriages be with the consent and approbation of my said trustees for, if otherwise than she that shall to marry without their consent and approbation shall be excluded from the said inheritance and be paid only the yearly income and, at the death of her that shall so marry without such consent and approbation, the principal shall go and belong unto her lawful heirs. I will and desire that after my death there may not be any thing demanded of Varon Monforte and Benjamin Monforte for or on account of a debt which they owe me, because I declare I forgive it them forever. By virtue of these presents I nominate, constitute and appoint for executors of this my testament, my said wife Lea de Sequeyra, Mess.^s Jacob Alvares Corcho, Daniel Mendes Seixas and Isaac Delmonte, whom I beg would be pleased to take upon themselves the execution of this my testament made in London the thirty first of March one thousand seven hundred and forty seven. Joseph Henriques de Sequeyra. Signed, sealed, published and

declared by the said testator Joseph Henriques de Sequeyra as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribe our names as witnesses, Joseph Vas da Sylva, Isaac Lusitano de Pinna, Isaac de Castro.

I declare that my brother David de Sequeyra is indebted to me about one hundred pounds sterling notwithstanding which I beg my executors not to demand the said debt of him but to leave it to the honour of my said brother to pay it if he be in a capacity so to do. Item I leave unto my said wife Lea Henriques de Sequeyra all the jewells, plate, gold and also all the household goods that shall be found at the hour of my death. Signed, sealed and published with an interline and addition in the margin which beginnd with the words “if they should happen to marry before they attain the said age of one and twenty years, my said executors always reserving in their own hands a sufficient stock to defray the yearly payments above mentioned”. Joseph Henriques de Sequeyra. In the presence of Joseph Vas da Sylva, Isaac Lusitano de Pinna, Isaac de Crasto.

Faithfully translated from the Portuguese original, hereunto annexed this ninth day of April one thousand seven hundred and forty seven.

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This will was proved at London with a codicil the thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty seven before the worshipfull Robert Chapman, doctor of Laws, surrogate of the right worshipfull John Bettersworth, also doctor of Laws, Master Keeper of Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, lawfully constituted by the oaths of Lea de Sequeira, otherwise Sequeyra, otherwise Catherine da Roza, widow, the relict of the deceased, Jacob Alvares Corcho, Daniel Mendes Seixas and Isaac Cohen Delmonte, otherwise Isaac Delmonte, 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.