

Will of Elias Lindo. London, 26 March 1724.

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In the name of God, Amen.

I, Elias Lindo of London, merchant, being of sound, mind and memory to make, publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say *Imprimis* my soul I bequeath into the hands of Almighty God and my body I am committ to the Earth to be decently interred in the Jews Portuguese burying place at Mile End in such manner as my Executors hereafter named shall think fitt, and as to the disposition of such wordly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give, devise and bequeath the same as follows, that is to say, whereas by an agreement made previous to my intermarriage with my dear and loving wife Rachael Lindo, dated on or about the thirty first day of January one thousand seven hundred and eight, I did for the consideration therein mentioned covenant that, in case my said wife should survive me, that thou my heirs, executors, or administrators should well and truely pay unto my said wife Rachael or her assigns the sum of two thousand and hundred and fifty pounds of lawfull money of Great Britain within one month after my decease, in full payment and lien of her thirds and dower, which she could or might claim of in or to my estate reall or personall now I do hereby ratify and confirm the said agreement and everything therein contained. *Item*, I leave to the Sedaca of this Kaal Kados of our Portuguese Sinagoge fifteen pound as a legacy. *Item*, I leave to the Jesiba of Sahare or a Voaby Jetomin ten pounds. *Item* I give and bequeath unto my Executors hereafter named the sum of ten pounds to be disposed of and distributed by them on the day of my interment amongst such poor Jews, and in such manner, and in such proportions as they shall think fitt. *Item*, I give and bequeath unto my Executors the sum of ten pounds more to be disposed of and distributed by them to and amongst the said poor in such manner and proportions as aforesaid at the end at thirty days after my interment. *Item*, I give and bequeath unto my executors the sum of ten pounds more to be by them disposed of and distributed to and amongst the said poor in such manner and proportions as aforesaid at the end of the eleventh month after my interment. *Item*, I give and

bequeath unto my said Executors the sum of ten pounds apeice as a legacy. *Item*, I will that my said wife Rachael shall during her life have the use and wearing of all my diamonds, and jewells, and plate, which I shall dye possessed of and I give my said wife power and authority in her life time with the approbation of my Executors hereafter named, or without such approbation by her last will and testament to dispose of or give all or any of my said diamonds, jewells, and plate to anyone, or more of the children which I shall leave at my decease, as she shall think fitt, but in case my said wife shall dye intestate without making any disposition in her lifetime of all, or any of my said diamonds, and jewells, and plate, thou I will that the same, or such of them as shall be undisposed of, shall be sold and the money arising thereby divided amongst all my said children share and share alike. *Item*, I give and bequeath unto my said dear and loving wife all my household goods of what nature or kind soever to and for her own use for ever. *Item*, I give and bequeath unto my executors hereafter named one thousand pounds of my capitall, or nominal stock of and in the governour and company of the Bank of England upon the trusts and for the uses following (that is to say) in trust, in the first place, to pay the interest dividends and profits thereof as the same shall from time to time grow due to may said wife, during the term of her naturall life for her own sole and peculiar use, and from, and after her decease, in trust to divide the said one thousand pounds bank stock, and all the dividends and profits thereof, to and amongst such my children, and in such shares and proportions as my said wife shall by her last will and testament direct and appoint, but in case my said wife shall dye interstate, thou in trust that the said one thousand pounds bank stock, and the dividends and profits thereof, shall, after my said wife decease, be divided by my said Executors in equall shares and proportions amongst all my children, provided nevertheless and my will and mind is that my eldest son Isaac shall have two full and compleat shares of the said one thousand pounds bank stock, and the dividend and profits thereof, and in case any of my children shall happen to dye before my said wife and shall leave issue at such their decease, my will and meaning is that such issue shall be intituled to the same and the like share and proportion of, and in the said one thousand pounds bank stock, and the dividends and

profits thereof, as my said children would have been intituled to if he, she, or they had been living at the time of my said wife decease. *Item*, I give to my said wife the sum of five hundred pounds annually to be paid her by my Executors quaterly out of the income of my estate to the intent and purpose that my said wife may thereout, or out of such part thereof, as she shall think necessary educate, maintain, and bring up my children till they respectively attain their age of one and twenty years, or be married, and my will and mind is that when and as any of either of my children shall attain the age of one and twenty years, or be married, thou and in such case, so much of the said five hundred pounds per annum as bears a proportion to the number of my children (reckering an equal expence for the maintenance and education of each child) shall cease, determine, and be no longer paid, but yet nevertheless if any of my children shall, before their age of one and twenty years, or marriage and contrary to the will and pleasure of my said wife live absent from her and not be content with such maintenance and execution, as she shall bestow upon such child or children, my will and meaning is that such child or children shall not have or be intituled to have any allowance out of the said five hundred pounds *per annum* for his, her, or their maintenance or education during the time such child or children shall live absent from my said wife, nor shall any deduction or abatement be made in respect thereof out of the said five hundred pounds *per annum*, but shall be paid to my said wife in the manner and for the purpose aforesaid, shall determine and be no longer paid. *Item*, as to whatsoever stock or other effects which shall appear in my books to belong to my children or any of them, I will that the same shall respectively be hold and enjoyed by them, they and each of them answering to my estate what shall in my said books be due on the ballance of the accorinty kept touching such efforts, but my will and meaning is that my children shall not be intituled to have and receive such stock or other efforts till he, she or they shall arrive to the age of one and twenty years, or be married, unless my executors shall think fitt before such time to let my child or children have and received such stock and effects, or part thereof, and as to all the rest and residue of my estate whatsoever and wheresoever (not herein before otherwise given and disposed of) I give and bequeath the same and every part thereof to my said

executors, in trust to continue the same upon such securities as my said estate now is upon, or to call in the same and when so called in or otherwise received to place the same out again upon such other securities, as they or the major part of them shall think fitt, and most for the benefitt of my said estate untill my said sons (that is to say) Isaac, David, Benjamin and Moses, and such other son or sons as I shall happen to have shall respectively attain the age of one and twenty years, and untill my daughters Leah, Sarah, Esther, Hanna, Judith, or such other daughter or daughters, as I shall happen to have shall attain her of their age or ages of one and twenty years, or be married, at which times I will that the son or sons so attaining his or their age or ages of one and twenty years, and the daughter or daughters so attaining her or their age of one and twenty years or be married (so that such marriage be not contrary to the provised hereafter mentioned) shall be intituled to have and receive, and I will that they shall have and receive respectively a proportionable part od my said estate, which the interest and improvement thereof, according to the number of children alive, or that my wife shall be ensient of at the time of my decease provided nevertheless, and my will and mind is that my eldest son Isaac shall have two full and compleat shares thereof provided always, and my mind is that the legacies hereby given or intended to be given to or for my said daughters Leah, Sarah, Esther, Hanna and Judith, and such other daughter or daughters as I shall hereafter have, is and are so given and intended to be given upon condition that she and they do not marry under the age of one and twenty years without the consent of my Executors, or the major part of them testified under their hands, but in case my said daughters Leah, Sarah, Esther, Hanna and Judith, or any other of my daughter or daughters, shall intermarry without such consent of my Executors, or the major part of them as aforesaid, that thou and in such case my will and mind is that one moiety or half part of what I have herein before bequeath or intended to bequeath to her or them shall be equally divided amongst such of my children, as shall be living at the time or times of such intermarriage or intermarriages, and my will and meaning is that, in case either or any of my said children shall dye before he, she or they shall attain his, her or their respetive age or ages of one and twenty years, or be married as aforesaid, that thou the share

or shares of such child or children so dying shall go to and be divided amongst my surviving children, share and share alike, and in case any loss shall happen to my estate in my Executors, placing or replacing the same or any part thereof out upon securitys as aforesaid, the same shall be born proportionably by my children, and lastly I do hereby make ordain, constitute, and appoint my said dear and loving wife Rachael Lindo, Francis Pereira, Solomon de Moses Pereira, and Francis Salvador Junior, of London, merchants, joynt Executors of this my last will and testament, to whom I give, grant and committ the guardianship of my said children, and their estates, and I do hereby revoke all former, and other will and wills by me heretofore made and I do declare this to be my last. In witness whereof I tho said Elias Lindo have to this my last will and testament set my hands and seal this twenty sixth day of March in the tenth year if the reign of our sovereign Lord George by the grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, king defender of the further, anno domini one thousand seven hundred and twenty four. Elias Lindo. Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Elias Lindo 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 hereunto. Ste. Hervey, Bry.ⁿ Homes, Edw.^d Edwards.

[Probatum: 7 January 1727]