

Will of Rachel Lindo. London, 8 August 1746.

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In the Name of God Amen.

I Rachael Lindo of London, widow, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, for which I bless God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in a manner and form following (that is to say) first I commend my soul unto Almighty God, my creator, and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred in the burying ground of the Portuguese Jews at Mile End next to my late dear husband Elias Lindo deceased in such manner as my executor herein after named shall think fit and for such wordly estates as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose thereof as followeth. First, I give and bequeath to the Sedaca of the Kaal Kados of our Portuguese synagogue called Sahar Asamaim the sum of fifteen pounds as a legacy. Item, I give to the Jesiba of Sahare Ora Veaby Yetomin the sum of ten pounds as a legacy. Item, I give and bequeath to my executor hereinafter named the sum of fifty pounds to be disposed of and distributed by him to and amongst each poor Jews and in such manner and in such proportion as he shall think fit at the several times hereinafter mentioned (that is to say) the sum of ten pounds part thereof on the day of my interment, the sum of ten pounds more at the end of seven days next after my interment, and the further sum of ten pounds other part thereof at the end of thirty days next after my interment, and the further sum of ten pounds more thereof at the end of the eleventh month next after my interment, and the sum of ten pounds being the residue and remainder of the said sum of fifty pounds at the end of one year next after my interment. And whereas by indenture tripartite bearing date on or about the twenty third day of June one thousand seven hundred and thirty one made between David Aboab Cardozo, merchant (my son-in-law and Leah, his wife, my daughter by the said Elias Lindo) of the first part, myself of the second part, and Francis Pereira and Francis Salvador the younger, merchants, of the third part (after reciting as therein is recited), I did for myself my executors and administrators covenant with the said David Aboab Cardozo, his executors, administrators and assigns that my executors

or administrators should within three months next after my decease, if the said David Aboab Cardozo and the said Leah, his wife, should be then living, or if the said Leah should be dead or any issue of the said intended marriage should be then living, in either of those cases, well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said David Aboab Cardozo, his executors, or administrators, the sum of one thousand pounds, and further in case the said David Aboab Cardozo should happen to be dead at my decease, and the said Leah should be then living, that then my heirs, executors, or administrators should well and truly pay or cause to be paid the said sum of one thousand pounds unto her, the said Leah, her executors, and administrators, to and for her and their own use and benefit, and for and towards her support and maintenance, and if they should be both dead, leaving issue that then the same should be paid to such issue share and share alike. Now, in pursuance and performance of the said recited covenant, I do order and direct that the said sum of one thousand pounds be by my executor herein after named paid and satisfied accordingly out of the best and readiest of my estate and effects, and whereas my said late husband Elias Lindo did by his last will and testament, dated on or about the twenty sixth day of March one thousand seven hundred and twenty four (amongst other things) will and declare that I should, during my life, have the use and wearing of all his diamonds, jewels, and plate, which he should die possessed of and gave me power and authority by my last will and testament to dispose off or give all or any of his said diamonds, jewels, and plate to any one or more of the children, which he should have at his decease, as I should think fit and gave unto his executors therein named one thousand pounds bank stock upon the trusts following (that is to say). In trust in the first place to pay the interest, dividends, and profits thereof as the same should from time to time grow due to me during the term of my natural life for my own sole and peculiar use, and from and after my decease, in trust, to divide the said one thousand pounds bank stock and all the dividends and profits, thereof amongst such of his children and in such shares and proportions, as I should by my last will and testament direct and appoint and whereas there has lately been a call of ten pounds per cent on the said bank stock, and which I have accordingly paid so that I am now entitled to

the sum of eleven hundred pounds bank stock. Now, I do, by this my last will and testament, give all the said diamonds, jewels, and plate unto my son Isaac Lindo, the younger, his executors and administrators to and for his and their own use and benefit. And I do direct and appoint that the said eleven hundred pounds bank stock shall within thirty days next after my decease be sold and disposed off and that the money arising by such sale together with the dividends and profits which shall be due for the same at my decease, or that afterwards shall become due, shall be paid to my said son Isaac Lindo; and my mind and will is that my said son Isaac Lindo shall thereout pay to my said daughter Leah Aboab Cardozo the sum of twenty pounds, which I give her as a legacy, and to my sons David Lindo, Benjamin Lindo, and Moses Lindo, the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds a piece, which I give them as legacies, and to my daughter Sarah Abrabanel Henriques the sum of twenty pounds, which I give her as a legacy, and to my daughter Esther Capadose, the sum of twenty pounds, which I give her as a legacy, and to my daughter Judith Lindo, the sum of twenty pounds, which I give her as a legacy. Item, I give to my said son Isaac Lindo one thousand five hundred pounds bank annuities upon the trusts and under and subject to the provisoes hereinafter mentioned, and declared of and concerning the same (that is to say): that the said Isaac Lindo, his executors, or administrators shall and do assign and transfer the said one thousand five hundred pounds bank annuities, or for the use, or benefit of my grandson Elias Lindo, son of my said son Isaac Lindo, when and in such manner as my said son Isaac Lindo, his executors, or administrators shall think proper, and also pay unto my said grandson Elias Lindo the several and respective dividends that shall be made on the said bank annuities, when he or they shall think proper provided always; and my mind and will is that, if my said grandson Elias Lindo shall depart this life before the said one thousand five hundred pounds bank annuities and the dividends, interest, and profits thereof shall be transferred and paid to him as aforesaid (which God forbid), then and in such case I give and bequeath the same one thousand five hundred pounds bank annuities with the dividends, interest, and profits thereof unto my said son Isaac Lindo, his executors, and administrators to and for his and their own proper use and benefit

absolutely provided always, and my express mind and will is that in case the said one thousand five hundred pounds bank annuities, or any part thereof shall at any time after my decease and before the same shall be transferred to my said grandson Elias Lindo be redeemed or paid off by authority of parliament or otherwise shall be paid in or come to the hands of my said son Isaac Lindo, his executors, or administrators, then and in such case and so often it shall and may be lawful to and for, and I do hereby authorize and direct my said son Isaac Lindo, his executors and administrators from time to time, during the continuance of the said trust to lend and place out the moneys so paid in or coming to his or their hands, or any part thereof upon any publick security or securities at interest or to invest the same or any part thereof in the purchase of stock in any of the publick funds or companies upon the aforesaid trust anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding. Item, as to all the rest and residue of my moneys, securities for money stocks, plate, jewels, watches, rings, household, stuff, linnen, wearing, apparel, goods, chattels and estate whatsoever and wheresoever both real and personal not otherwise by this my will given or disposed off (after payment of my debts and funeral expences and the several legacies herein before by me given and bequeathed), I give, devise, and bequeath the same and every part thereof unto my said son Isaac Lindo, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns respectively to and for his and their own use and benefit absolutely and I do hereby make, ordain, constitute and appoint my said son Isaac Lindo, sole executor of this my last will and testament, and my express mind and will is that, in case my children or the husbands of my daughters, or any of them shall not acquiesce and rest satisfied and contented with the disposition I have hereby made of my estate, but shall claim any other part of my estate than I have herein and hereby thought fit to give them respectively or shall give any trouble, molestation, or disturbance to my executor, or to the others, or other of them, my said children, or any of them on that account or otherwise on account of this my will then and in such case the legacy or legacies, sum or sums of money and bequests hereby given to as for the benefit of him, her or them who shall make such claim or give such trouble, molestation, or interruption, as aforesaid, shall cease, determine, and be utterly void, and

then also [?] such case such of them my said children, who shall make any such claim or give such trouble or interruption as aforesaid, shall nor have or claim any part or share of my estate but the share or shares of him, her or them, shall go over and be equally divided unto and amongst such of them my said children who shall acquiesce and rest satisfied with the aforesaid disposition of my estate, and shall not give such molestation or interruption as aforesaid anything herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding and I do hereby revoke all former and other wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this present writing to be and contain by only last will and testament. In witness whereof I, the said Rachael Lindo, have to two parts of this my last will and testament each containing one sign of parchment subscribed my hand and affixed my seal this eighth day of august in the twentieth year of the reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the second, by the grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland king, defender of the faith and so forth and in the year one thousand seven hundred and forty six. Rachel Lindo. Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testatrix Rachael Lindo as and for her last will and testament, in the presence of us, who have in her presence and al her request subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. Phil. Roberts. Ellen Watkinson.

I, Rachel Lindo of London, widow, do make, publish and declare this to be a codicil to my last will and testament dated the eighth of august one thousand seven hundred and forty six, and do will and direct that the same be taken as and for part of my said will whereas in and by my said will I have among other things given unto my son, Moses Lindo, the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds to be paid to him by my son Isaac Lindo, the younger, out of the money to arise by the sale of eleven hundred pounds bank stock, in my said will mentioned, and whereas my said son Moses Lindo, having from time to time contracted debts and been otherwise imprudent in the conduct of his affairs, a commision of bankrupt hath lately been awarded against my said son Moses Lindo, whereby he is likely to be deprived of the benefit of the said legacy, or sum of three hundred and fifty pounds which in and by my said will was intended to be given and

appointed to be paid to him as a provision for his better support and maintenance. Now, I do therefore revoke, annul, and make paid the said legacy, gift, or appointment of three hundred and fifty pounds by my said will given and directed to be paid to my said son Moses Lindo as aforesaid as fully to all intents and purposes as if the same was not therein mentioned and I do direct and declare that the said sum of three hundred and fifty pounds shall fall into and be reckoned part of the residue of my estate by me disposed of by my said will, and I do hereby give, direct and appoint my said son Isaac Lindo do pay out of the money arising by the sale of the said eleven hundred pounds bank stock unto my said son Moses Lindo the sum of five pounds and no more which I give him as a legacy, and I do hereby request and desire my said son Isaac Lindo his executors, or administrators from and after my decease to pay into the proper hands of my said son Moses Lindo and no other person or persons whomsoever an annuity or yearly sum of twenty pounds for and during the natural life of my said son Moses Lindo for his personal support and maintenance at such times and in such manner and proportions as my said son Isaac Lindo, his executors, or administrators shall think proper. It being my express will and mind that the said annuity or yearly sum of twenty pounds shall be only payable during the pleasure of my said son Isaac Lindo, his executors, or administrators, and shall only be applied to and for the support and maintenance of my said son Moses Lindo, and not to be assignable by him or by virtue of the said commission of bankrupt or be subject to any of his debts or engagements or be disposed of other than for his personal subsistence and I do thereby in all other respects ratify and confirm my said will. In witness whereof I, the said Rachael Lindo, have to two parts of this codicil to my said last will and testament set my hand and affixed my seal, this ninth day of May one thousand seven hundred and fifty three. Rachael Lindo. Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Rachael Lindo as and for a codicil to her said last will and testament in the presence of us, who have in her presence and at her request and in presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. Ellen Watkinson. Peter Hamond.

This will was proved at London with a codicil in the ninth day of

december in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four, before the worshipful Andrew Coltee Ducarel, 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 Isaac Lindo, the younger, the son of the deceased and the sole executor 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.