In the Name of God Amen I **Richard Kent** of **Cosham** in the County of Wilts Esq^{r} being in perfect health and of a sound and disposeing memory thankes be given to Almighty God Doe make and ordaine this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following First I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me in hopes of a joyfull resurrection at the lastday through the meritts of my blessed Saviour And my body I commit to the Earth from whence it came to be buryed in such decent manner as to my Executots hereinafter named shall seeme meet and convenient Desiring them that it may be done without Pompe or Ostentation And as touching the Estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to blesse me I give and dispose thereof as followeth First I give Devise and appoint unto my deare anmd living wife M^{rs} **Bridgett Kent** one Annuity or yearely sume or Rent charge of Five Hundred pounds per Annum to be issueing due and payable out of all my Mannors Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whereof or wherein I have any Estate of Inheritance Scituate lying and being in the severall Counties of Wilts **London** and Middx or in any or either of them or elsewhere in the Kingdome of England To have and to hold the said Annuity yearely Summe or rent charge of Five Hundred pounds per Annum unto my said deare wife for and dureing the terme of her naturall life for her Jointure and in lieu recompence and Just satisfaction of all such Dower right and title of Dower as the said **Bridgett** my Wife shall or may be Intitled unto out of any the Mannors Lands Tenements or Hereditaments of which I now am or hereafter shall or may be seized dureing the Coverture between me and the said **Bridgett** my wife To be paid to the said **Bridgett** and her Assignes by halfe yearely payments and by equall portions that is to say two hundred and Fifty pounds every halfe yeare in good money over and above all Taxes charged and reprizes whatsoever The first payment to begin at the second of he foure most usuall feast dayes that shall happen next after my decease Provided alwaies any my Will and meaning is That if the said Annuity pearely sume of Rentcharge of five Hundred pounds per Annum or any part thereof shall be behind and unpaid by the space of Fifteen dayes next after the same shall become due and payable That then and from thencforth it shall and may be lawfull to and for the said **Bridgett** my wife and her Assignes into All and singuler the said Mannors and Landes charged and chargeable with the payment thereof or into any part or parcell thereof to enter and the rents issues and profitts thereof to have receive and take to her and their owne use and benefitt untill the said **Bridgett** and her Assignes be fully satisfyed and paid of the said yearely rent of Five Hundred pounds and of all arreares thereof and of all such ... and charges as the said Bridgett and her Assignes shall be put unto for or my breason of the ....ing or recovering therof. [Item] I give and bequeath unto me Executors herein after named All that my Capitall Messuage Farme and Parte of **Cosham** with the rights members and appurtenances thereof in the County of Wilts and all that my Mannor Capitall Messuage Farme and Demeasnes of **Rudlow** .... Right members and appurtenances thereof in the said County of Wiltes And all that my Mannor of **Chippenham** with the rights members and Appurtenances thereof And my two farmes called Sheldon farmes with the the Appurtenances in the parish of **Chippenham** aforesaid in the said County of Wilts And all that my farme of Rowden in the said parish of **Chippenham** aforesaid with the rights members and appurtenances thereof And all that my Mannor Capitall Messuage farme or demeasnes of **Auburn** alias **Albourne** in the County of Wilts with the rights Members and Appurtenances thereof And all other my Mannors Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever in the severall Counties of Wiltes London and Middx or either of them or elsewhere in the Kingdome of England...to them the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such Survivor from the day of my decease for and dureing the terme of two Hundred yeares thencenext ensueing and fully to be compleate and ended Upon the trusts neverthelesse herein after mentions and expressed And for or upon noe other Trust intent or purpose whatsoever Subject neverthelesse and charged and chargeable with the payment of the saud five hundred pounds per Annum to the said **Bridget** my wife dureing her life in manner as aforesaid Item I give devise and bequeath unto my Nephew **John Kent** sonne of my Brother Robert Kent of **Winterbourne Monachorum** in the said County of Wilts Gent All that my said Capitall Messuage Farme

and parke of **Cosham** in the said County of Wilts with the rights members and appurtenances thereof And all that my said Mannor Capitall Messuage Farme and Demeasnes of **Rudlow** alias **Radlow** with the rights Members and appurtenances thereof scituate lying and being in **Rudlow Ditch Ridge** and **Box** in the saud County of Wiltes or in any or either of them And all that my said Mannor of **Chippenham** commonly called **Chippenham Sheldon** and **Lowden** And my said two farmes of Sheldon commonly called Sheldon farmes in the parish of **Chippenham** aforesaid And all that my said farme of Rowden scituate lying and being in the parish of **Chippenham** aforesaid commonly called Rowdon farme now in the tenure of possession of **Thomas Long** Gent And all that my said Mannor of **Auburne** alias **Alburne** in the said County of Wilts with the rights Members and Appurtenances thereof which I lately bought and purchased of M^{r} **George Bond** of **Okeburne** aforesaid deceased And all other my Mannors Lands Tenements and hereditam^{ts} whatsoever scituate lying and being in the severall parishes Villages Hamletts Fields Territories and precincts of **Cosham Rudlow** alias **Radlow Ditchridge Box Chippenham Sheldon London** and **Rowdon Auburne** alias **Alburne** or in any or either of them or elsewhere in the said County of Wiltes or in the severall Counties of Middx and London or in any or either of them or elsewhere in the Kingdome of England whereof or wherein I have any Estate of Freehold or Inheritance TO have and to hold the said severall Mannors farmes Lands Tenements Hereditaments and all and singuler the premisses with their and every of their rights Members and Appurtenances unto the said **John Kent** my Nephew and the heires Males of his Body And if he dye without issue Male of his body Then I give and devise the same Mannors Lands and premisses unto **Richard Kent** Thirde sonne of my said Brother **Robert Kent** and the Heires Males of his body And for default of such issue Then my Will and meaning is that the said Mannors and Lands shall come descend and be to my right heires for ever Nevertheless the aforesaid Mannors Lands and hereditaments to remaine and be subject to and charges and chargeable with the payment of the said Annuity or Rent charge of Five hundred pounds to the said **Bridgett** my wife for her life for her Jointure and in lieu of her Dower and Thirds as aforesaid and payable as is befire mentioned and expressed of and in the Capitall Messuage Farme and demeasnes Lands of **Okeburne** alias **Ogburne** with the severall sheepe downes Woods and appurtenances thereunto belonging which I hold of Kings Colledge in **Cambridge** renewable every seaven yeares I give and devise the same and all my Estate right title interest and terme therin unto my Executors herein after named Upon Trust neverthelesse for my onely daughter **Bridgett** her Executors Administrators and Assignes And the rents and profitts thereof from and and after my decease to be by them accompted for and paid to and for my said Daughter **Bridgett** And if the renewing time for the said Lease of ... shall happen before my said Daughter **Bridgett** shall [attain] the age of one and twenty yeares or be marryed That then I [order] my said Executors to renrew the said Lease for my said Daughter and to pay satisfay and ..... out of any by the rents and profitts therof And ... my said Daughter **Bridgett** shall attaine to the age of Five and twenty yeares or shall be marryed Then my Will and meaning is And I doe hereby devise that my said Executors hereinafter named shall Assigne over the said farme and lands [in] **Okeburne** alias **Ogburne** aforesaid and all the Estate and terme to them hereby devised unto my said Daughter **Bridgett** or to whome else she shall direct or appoint But in case my said Daughter shall happen to dye before her said age of five and twenty yeares not having been marryed before her death Then I give and devise the said Capitall Messuage Farme woods and Lands of **Okeburne** alias **Ogburne** aforesaid with all its Appurtenances And all my Estate terme and interest therein unto **Charles Johnson** my Nephew sonne of **Nicholas Johnson** Esquire deceased by **Jane** my Sister his Executrix Administrators and Assignes Alsoe I give to my said deare daughter **Bridgett Kent** the summe of Ten Thousand pounds to be paid unto her by my Executors hereinafter named at her said age of five and Twenty Yeares or day of marriage which of them shall first happen If she shall attaine the same of Five and Twenty yeares or be marryed and not otherwise And in the meane time from and after my decease I devise and bequeath that my said Daughter **Bridgett** shall have and be paid by my Executors herein after named the yearely summe of Two

Hundred and Fifty pounds to be paid unto her halfe yearely by even and equall portions for and towarde her maintenance Item I give unto me deare wife All her ... Watches and Jewells whatsoever Together with the furniture of my two best Chambers in my house at **Cosham** in the said County of Wiltes commonly called my wifes Chambers Item I give to my Two loveing Brothers M[r] **John** and M[r] **Robert Kent** one hundred pounds a peece to be paid unto them within six moneths after my decease Item I give to my loveing Sister M[rs] **Jane Johnson** Two Hundred pounds to be paid unto her within six Moneths after my decease Item I give to my Nephew **Charles Johnson** and to my Niece **Margarett Johnson** his Sister sonne and daughter of my said Sister **Jane Johnson** the sume of one hundred pounds a peece to be paid unto them respectively within six moneths after my decease Item I give and devise unto my Nephews **Robert** and **Richard Kent** sonns of my Brother **Robert Kent** one Hundred pounds a piece And to my Neeces **Jane Anne** and **Dorothy Kent** daughters of my said Brother **Robert Kent** one Hundred poundes a peece to be paid unto them respectively within six Moneths after my decease Item I give to my Godson **Roger Tucker** the sume of Fifty pounds to be paid unto him within Six Moneths after my decease Item I give and devise unto my Executors herein after named the sume of Two Thousand pounds to be by them layd out in a Charitable use for and towards the support and maintenance of Twelve poore People of the parish of Wintermourne Monchorum in the said County of Wiltes the place of my birth But if there shall not be soe many poore people in the said parish Then the said poore to be supplyed out of the poore of the Two parishes of Winterburne Earles and Wunterburne Gunner (by turne one after the other) next adioyning to the said parish of Winterburne Monachorum Which said Charitable use I intend to effect and finish my selfe if it please God to continue my life and health soe long But in case I shall dye before the effecting thereof Then I desire my Executors and Trustees herein after named to lay out the said Tenne Thousand poundes in such sort and manner for the establishing of the said Charity for and towards the support and maintenance of the said Twelve poore people in such manner and under such Rules and ordinances as they in their Judgments and discretions shall thinke most fitt and convenient And I doe hereby make nominate constitute and appoint the said **Bridgett** my deare wife my loveing Brother **John Kent** Esq[r] S[r] **Stephen Fox** one of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury and **Nicholas Fenne** of **London** Esq[rs] Executors of this my Will desireing them to take this trouble and Trust upon them and to see a just and true performance thereof And as for all the rest and residue of my goods Chattells creditt ready money Plate goods Leases and personall Estate whatsoever not herein before given and devised or otherwise disposed I give and devise the same unto my said Executors to be by them applied for payment of my debts funerall charges Daughters portion Legacies Sume and Sumes of money given and devised by this my Will And if any Overplus shall remaine after my said Debts funerall charges porcon Legacies sume and sumes of money given and devised in this my Will shall be paid and satisfyed Then my Will is And I doe hereby give and devise the same unto my said Executors In trust nevertheless and to the intent and purpose that my said Executors shall therewith purchase Lands to be settled on my Nephew **John Kent** Then on my said Nephew **Richard Kent** and the heires Males of his body And for want of much Issue Then on my right heires for ever in such sort and manner as I have hereinbefore given and devised my fee simple Lands to my said Nephews **John** and **Richard Kent** And I doe hereby declare that the said terme for Two Hundred yeares herein before devised to my said Executors of the said Mannors Parke Farmes Lands Tenements and Hereditaments before mentioned whereof or wherein I have any Estate of freehold or Inheritance was and is upon the Trust and confidence in them reposed That if my said personall Estate shall not be ...ment to oaying debts funerall charges Daughters porcon Legacies Summe and Summes of money given and devised by this my Will That then and in such case my said Executors shall raise the same or such part and soe much therof as may not be paid or satisfyed out of and by my said personall Estate by and out of the said Mannors Lands Tenements and Hereditaments by me devised to my saud Executors for Two Hundred Yeares as aforesaid either by the rents and profitts therof or by sale or Mortgage of any part of the said Mannors and Lands as to my said

Executors shall seeme most meet and convenient And from and after the payment of my said Debts funerall charges Daughters portion Sume and Sumes of money given and devised by this my Will as aforesaid and paying reimburseing and satisfying him and themselves all such costs and charges sume and sumes of money as they or any or either of them shall lay out disbuse be put unto in the execution or in the Trust hereof in them reposed Then and from thenceforth the said Estate and terme of Two Hundred Yeares of the said Mannors and Lands devised to my Executors as aforesaid shall attend and wai?e upon the Inheritance of the said Mannors Lands and Premisses in whose hands or possession soever the same shall then happen to be or otherwise shall be surrendered or delivered up to be cancelled and made void And to for ie upon noe other trust intent or purpose whatsoever And I doe give and devise unto the said S[r] **Stephen Fox** and **Nicholas Fenne** to each of them Twenty pounds a peece to buy them a peece of Plate as a token of my remembrance of them And I doe hereby further Will and devise that my said Executors shall out of and by the Estate hereby to them devised satisfy reimburse and pay him her and themselves all such costs and charges sume and sumes of money as they or any or either of them shall really and bona fide pay disburse susteyne lay out or be put unto for about or concerning the Trust hereby in them repose or in the execution management and performance of this my will In Witnesse whereof to this my last Will consisting of five skinns of Parchment to ech of the said skinns I have sett my hand and seale this Tenth day of March In the fourth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord James the second by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c Annoqr Dm 1687 *Ri Kent* Signed Sealed

published and declared by the abovesaid **Richard Kent** for his last Will and Testament in the presence of **Rich Wharten In Harrison Hugh Well J Pierce** Memorandum that the above named **Richard Kent** did again this Fourteenth day of March 1687 Signe Seale publish and declare this writing consisting of two skins of Parchment to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us whose names are hereunder written whoe subscribe the same as witnesses in the presence of the said **Richard Kent** … **Hugh Wells J Pierce**

A Codicell to be annexed to the last Will and Testament of me **Richard Kent** of Cosham in the County of Wiltes Esq[r] and which I doe hereby publish to be part of my said last Will

Item Whereas in and by my said Will I have given and devised unto my wife M[rs] **Bridgett Kent** one Annuity yearely rent charge of five hundred pounds over and above all taxes charges and Reprizes whatsoever But have not given or devised unto my said wife any Habitation or house for her to live in after my decease I therefore doe hereby devise and appoint that my said wife from and after my decease shall or may lawfully dwell and Inhabite in my house at Cosham in the said County of Wiltes for and dureing soe long time after my death as she shall continue my Widow and noe longer dureing which time the said **Bridgett** my wife shall have the free use and occupation of all my goods and furniture in my said house at Cosham soe as the same or any part thereof be not …shed or otherwise abused by my said wife or any of her servants dureing the time that she is to have the use and occupation of them But Immediately after the marriage of the said **Bridgett** my wife in case she happen to marry after my decease or otherwise imediately after her death Then the said goods furniture and household stuffe to be delivered over to my Executors of my said Will or to such other person or persons to whome the same shall belong whole safe and not abused …mary use onely excepted And my Will is and I doe hereby devise and appoint That noe di…con or Apportioment of the said Annuity or yearely rent of five Hundred pounds shall be made by reason or in respect of my said wifes habitation in my said house at Cosham or of any matter or thing in this Codicill conteyned *Ri Kent* Memorandum that this fourteenth day of March 1687 The above named **Richard Kent** did signe seale declare and publish this codicell to be part of his last Will in the presence of us whose names

are hereunder written and who subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the said **Richard Kent** Fra Hill Hugh Wells J Pierce