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SEWARD'S CHARITY

IN FAVOR OF THE

PARTICULAR BAPTISTS.

I Elizabeth Seward, of the Parish of *Bengworth*, in the County of *Worcester*, Widow, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following; (that is to say) I give and bequeath unto my good Friends *Jacob More*, of *Bengworth* aforesaid, Minister and Teacher of a Congregation of *Protestant Dissenters*, of the Denomination of *Particular Baptists*, in *Bengworth* aforesaid; To *Nathaniel Overbury*, senior, Minister and Teacher of a Congregation of *Protestant Dissenters*, of the Denomination aforesaid, in *Tetbury*, in the County of *Gloucester*; To *John Overbury*, Minister and Teacher of a Congregation of *Protestant Dissenters*, of the Denomination aforesaid, at *Upton-upon-Severn* in the County of *Warwick*; To *Philip Jones*, Minister and Teacher of a Congregation of *Protestant Dissenters*, of the Denomination aforesaid, at *Upton-upon-Severn*, in the County of *Worcester*; To
Benjamin

Mower.
N. Overbury.
J. Overbury.
Jones.

Beddome. *Benjamin Bedham*, Minister and Teacher of a Congregation of Protestant Dissenters, of the Denomination aforesaid, at *Bolton of the Water* in the County of *Gloucester*; To Doctor *John Gill*, Minister and Teacher of a Congregation of Protestant Dissenters, of the aforesaid Denomination, at *Hersey-Down*, in the Parish of Saint *John*, *Southwark*, in the County of *Surry*; and to *William Anderson*, Minister and Teacher of a Congregation of Protestant Dissenters, of the Denomination aforesaid, in *Grafton Street*, in the Parish of Saint *Ann*, *Westminster*, in the County of *Middlesex*; and to such other Persons as shall hereafter be nominated and appointed Trustees of this my Will, in pursuance of the Power herein after mentioned: All that my Two thousand Pounds capital South Sea Stock; and all those my Two thousand Pounds New South Sea Annuities; and Five hundred and Fifty Pounds, Part of my Bank Stock, in the Bank of England: To have and to hold to the said *Jacob More*, *Nathaniel Overbury*, *John Overbury*, *Philip Jones*, *Benjamin Bedham*, *John Gill* and *William Anderson*, and to the said other Trustees, as shall be appointed by virtue of this my Will, for ever; upon the Trusts, and to and for the intents and purposes herein after mentioned and declared, touching and concerning the same; (that is to say):

Upon Trust that my said Trustees shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay and apply and dispose of the yearly Interest, Dividends or Produce of my said South Sea Stock, South Sea Annuities, and Bank Stock, in manner and in the proportions herein after mentioned and declared touching the same; (that is to say):

Upon Trust that my said Trustees shall yearly, and every Year, pay unto or permit him the said *Jacob More* to receive the yearly Interest, Dividends or Produce of the Sum of Three hundred and Fifty Pounds South Sea Stock, Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Stock, as the same shall, from time to time, be received, for and during the Term of

£ 350 South
Sea Stock,
Bengworth
Minister.

of his natural *Life*; and from and after his Decease (in case *Martha More* his now Wife shall him survive) upon Trust to pay *one half Part* of the said Interest, Dividends or yearly Produce of the said Three hundred and Fifty Pounds South Sea Stock, to the said *Martha More*, for and during the Term of her natural *Life*; and the *other Moiety*, or half Part thereof, to the Minister or Teacher for the time being, who shall be from time to time chosen to be Minister or Teacher by the said Congregation, of which the said *Jacob More* is now the Minister or Teacher; and after the Decease of the said *Martha More* and *Jacob More*, and the Survivor of them, then upon Trust to pay the *whole of the Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce of the said Three hundred and Fifty Pounds South Sea Stock, to each and every Minister or Teacher, for the time being, of the same Congregation, for so long as such Congregation shall subsist or continue in being, towards the Support and Maintenance of such Minister or Teacher.

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay and apply the Interest, Dividends, or yearly Produce of the Sum of *Three hundred Pounds South Sea Stock*, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Stock, as the same shall be from time to time received, towards the Support and Maintenance of the Minister or Teacher for the time being of the Congregation of Protestant Dissenters of Particular Baptist at Chadford Botham in the County of Gloucester, for so long time as such Congregation shall subsist or continue in being.

£ 300 South
Sea Stock,
Chadford Botham Minister.

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay and apply the Interest, Dividends, or yearly Produce of *Three hundred Pounds South Sea Stock*, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Stock, as the same shall be from time to time received, towards the Support and Main-

£ 300 S. Sea
Stock, Henley
upon Arden
Minister.

tenance of the Minister or Teacher for the time being of the Congregation of Protestant Dissenters of Particular Baptist at Henley upon Thames, in the County of Berks, for so long time as such Congregation shall subsist or continue in being.

£ 100 S. Sea
Stock, Wor-
cester Minister.

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay and apply the *Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce of *One hundred Pounds South Sea Stock*, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Stock, as the same shall be from time to time received, *towards the Support and Maintenance of the Minister or Teacher for the time being of the Congregation of Protestant Dissenters of Particular Baptist in the City of Worcester, for so long time as such Congregation shall subsist or continue in being.*

£ 100 S. Sea
Stock, Broom-
grove Minister

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay and apply the *Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce of *One hundred Pounds South Sea Stock*, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Stock, as the same shall be from time to time received, *towards the Support and Maintenance of the Minister or Teacher for the time being of the Congregation of Protestant Dissenters of Particular Baptist at Broomsgrove, in the County of Worcester, for so long time as the said Congregation shall subsist or continue in being.*

£ 300 S. Sea
Stock, Kings
Stanley Mi-
nister.

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time pay and apply the *Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce of *Three hundred Pounds South Sea Stock*, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Stock, as the same shall from time to time be received, *towards the Support and Maintenance of the Minister or Teacher for the time being of the Congregation of Protestant Dissenters of Particular Baptist*

Baptist of Kings Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, for so long time as such Congregation shall subsist or continue in being.

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay and apply the *Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce of the further Sum of *One hundred Pounds South Sea Stock*, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Stock, as the same shall be from time to time received, *towards the Support and Maintenance of the Minister or Teacher for the time being of the Congregation of Protestant Dissenters of Particular Baptist at Wootton Underage, in the said County of Gloucester, for so long time as such Congregation shall subsist or continue in being.*

£ 100 S. Sea
Stock, *Wootton*
Underage
Minister.

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay and apply the *Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce of the Sum of *Two hundred Pounds South Sea Stock*, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Stock, as the same shall be from time to time received, *towards the Support and Maintenance of the Minister or Teacher for the time being of the Congregation of Protestant Dissenters of Particular Baptist at Leominster, in the County of Hereford.*

£ 200 S. Sea
Stock,
Leominster
Minister.

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay and apply the *Interest*, Dividends or yearly Produce of the Sum of *Two hundred Pounds South Sea Stock*, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Stock, as the same shall be from time to time received, *towards the Support and Maintenance of the Minister or Teacher for the time being of the Congregation of Protestant Dissenters of Particular Baptist at Sheephead, in the County of Leicester, for so long time as such Congregation shall consist or continue in being.*

£ 200 South
Sea Stock,
Sheephead
Minister.

And

£ 50 South
Sea Stock,
£ 50 New
South Sea
Annuities,
Coat Minister.

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay and apply the *Interest*, Dividends or yearly Produce of the Sum of *Fifty Pounds South Sea Stock*, being the Remainder of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Stock, and the Sum of *Fifty Pounds South Sea Annuities*, Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Annuities, as the same shall be from time to time received, *towards the Support and Maintenance of the Minister or Teacher for the time being of the Congregation of Protestant Dissenters of Particular Baptist at Coat, in the County of Oxford, for so long time as such Congregation shall subsist or continue in being.*

£ 100 New
South Sea
Annuities,
Grafton-Street
Poor.

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay and apply the *Interest*, Dividends or yearly Produce of the Sum of *One hundred Pounds South Sea Annuities*, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Annuities, as the same shall be from time to time received, *for the Relief of the Poor of the said Congregation of Particular Baptist in Grafton-Street, of which the said William Anderson is now the Minister or Teacher, for so long time as the said Congregation shall subsist or continue in being; the same to be distributed amongst them by the said William Anderson during his Life-time, and after his Death by the succeeding Ministers of the same Congregation.*

£ 100 New
South Sea
Annuities,
Horley-Down
Poor.

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay and apply the *Interest*, Dividends and yearly Produce of the Sum of *One hundred Pounds South Sea Annuities*, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Annuities, as the same shall be from time to time received *for the Relief of the Poor of the said Congregation at Horley-Down, of which the said John Gill is now the Minister or Teacher, for so long time as the said Congregation shall subsist or continue in being, the same to be distributed amongst them*

them by the said John Gill during his life-time, and after his Death by the succeeding Ministers or Teachers of the same Congregation. But my Will is, that in Case it shall happen the said two last mentioned Congregations, or either of them, shall not have any fixed or settled Ministers or Minister, that then the said Interest, Dividends or yearly Produce hereby directed to be paid for the Relief of the Poor of such Congregations respectively, shall be paid to the Deacons of each respective Congregation until a Minister or Teacher shall be fixed and settled in such Congregation.

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay the Interest, Dividends, or yearly Produce of the Sum of Four hundred Pounds South Sea Annuities, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Annuities, as the same shall be from time to time received, to the said Jacob More during his Life, and after his Death to each and every succeeding Minister or Teacher of the said Congregation at Bengworth aforesaid; to the Intent and Purpose that he and they shall therewith or thereout pay for Teaching poor Children to Read, whose Parents are not able to pay for the same, of the Place and Schools after mentioned, (that is to say) Badsey near Evesham, and at Two Schools in Evesham, and One in Bengworth aforesaid; viz. to pay Six Shillings a Month to Badsey aforesaid, and to the said Three other Schools Four Shillings per Month each; which are the same Sums which were allowed or paid to them by my late dear Husband.

£ 400 New
South Sea
Annuities,
Badsey,
Evesham,
and
Bengworth
Schools.

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay the Interest, Dividends, or yearly Produce of the Sum of Four hundred Pounds South Sea Annuities, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Annuities, as the same shall be from time to time received, to the said Jacob More during his Life, and after his Death to the Hands of every other Minister

£ 400 New
South Sea
Annuities,
Bengworth
Divinity
Lectures.

or Teacher for the time being of the said Congregation of Protestant Dissenters, of which the said Jacob More is now Minister or Teacher, to be by him and them paid for the Support of Monthly Lectures in Divinity to be preached at Bengworth aforesaid; viz. the Sum of Eight Shillings to be paid to the Minister who shall Preach such Lecture for every such Lecture; and the Sum of Twelve Shillings for the Expence of entertaining the Ministers who attend every such Lecture at such Friends Houses as they shall agree to meet in.

£ 400 New
South Sea
Annuities,
Bourton on the
Water, Aul-
cester, Leiceſter
and Kettering
Poor.

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees shall from time to time pay the *Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce of the Sum of *Four hundred Pounds South Sea Annuities*, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Annuities, as the same shall from time to time be received, to Mr *State the Elder of Evesham* aforesaid, for and during the Term of his natural Life; and after his Death my Will is that the *Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce of the said last mentioned Four hundred Pounds South Sea Annuities, shall be from time to time, as the same shall be received, paid to the *Ministers, Teachers, or Pastors or Deacons of the Four Congregations of Protestant Dissenters of Particular Baptist* herein after mentioned, (*that is to say*) of *Bolton of the Water aforesaid, of Aulcester aforesaid, of Leiceſter, and of Ketherine in the County of Northampton, to be by them applied for the Relief of the Poor of the same Congregations.*

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time pay the *Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce of One hundred and Fifty Pounds South Sea Annuities, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Annuities, as the same shall be from time to time received, to *William Tinkley of Bengworth* aforesaid, for and during the Term of his natural Life; and shall from time to time pay the *Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce of the Sum of One hundred Pounds South Sea Annuities, other Part of my said Two thousand

thousand Pounds South Sea Annuities, as the same shall be from time to time received, to *Mary Hughes* of *Evesham* aforesaid, for and during the Term of her natural Life; and shall also from time to time pay the *Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce of One hundred Pounds South Sea Annuities, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Annuities, to *Elizabeth Shaning* of the same Place, during the Term of her natural Life; and shall also from time to time pay the *Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce of the Sum of Fifty Pounds South Sea Annuities, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Annuities, as the same shall be from time to time received, to a *poor Woman* in *Evesham* aforesaid, commonly called *Nancey* (who is known to the said *Jacob More*) for and during the Term of her natural Life. And my Will is that, when any or either of them, the said *William Tinckley*, *Mary Hughes*, *Elizabeth Shaning*, and *Nancey*, shall happen to depart this Life, the *Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce hereby bequeathed to them, and each of them, of the said Sums of *One hundred and Fifty Pounds*, *One hundred Pounds*, *One hundred Pounds*, and *Fifty Pounds South Sea Annuities*, shall be equally received by and divided between my Trustees for the time being who shall reside in or near London equally between them, as a Recompence for the Trouble they will have in the Performance of the Trusts hereby reposed in them more than my said other Trustees who live in the Country.

£ 400 New
South Sea
Annuities,
London
Trustees,

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time pay the *Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce of the Sum of *One hundred Pounds South Sea Annuities*, other Part of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Annuities, as the same shall be from time to time received, to *Hewitt*, the Widow of *Ambrose Hewitt*, late of the Parish of *in the County of Gloucester*, for and during the Term of her natural Life; and from and after her Decease upon

£ 100 New
South Sea
Annuities,
Beckles
Minister.

upon Trust to pay the *Interest*, Dividends or yearly Produce of the same One hundred Pounds South Sea Annuities, *towards the Support of the Minister or Teacher of the Congregation for the time being of Protestant Dissenters of Particular Baptist at Beckles in the County of Suffolk, for so long time as the same Congregation shall subsist or continue in being.*

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time, and at all times hereafter, pay the *Interest*, Dividends or yearly Produce of the Sum of Fifty Pounds South Sea Annuities, (being the Remainder of my said Two thousand Pounds South Sea Annuities) and the *Interest*, Dividends or yearly Produce of Fifty Pounds Bank Stock, (being Part of my said Bank Stock of Five hundred and Fifty Pounds) as the same shall be from time to time received, unto my Servant *Mary Squires*, for and during her natural Life; and upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall pay the *Interest*, Dividends or yearly Produce of One hundred and Fifty Pounds Bank Stock, other Part of my said Five hundred and Fifty Pounds Bank Stock, as the same shall be from time to time received, to *Elizabeth Peake*, Housekeeper to Mrs *Hopkins* of *Conduit-Street* near *Hanover-Square*, for and during the Term of her natural Life; and after the Deceases of the said *Mary Squires* and *Elizabeth Peake* upon Trust to apply the Dividends of the said *Fifty Pounds South Sea Annuities*, *Fifty Pounds Bank Stock*, and *One hundred and Fifty Pounds Bank Stock*, for the Relief of such poor Dissenting Ministers in the Country as my said Trustees shall think fit.

£ 50 New
South Sea
Annuities,
£ 200 Bank
Stock,
Poor Country
Ministers.

And upon further Trust that my said Trustees do and shall from time to time pay the *Interest*, Dividends, or yearly Produce of *Fifty Pounds Bank Stock*, other Part of my said Five hundred and Fifty Pounds Bank Stock, to *Elizabeth Tandy* of *Aulcester*, in the County of *Warwick*, for and during the Term of her natural Life; and after her
Decease

Decease upon Trust to pay the same to the Minister for the time being of the Congregation of Protestant Dissenters of Particular Baptist at Armsby, in the County of Leicester, towards the Support of such Minister for so long time as the same Congregation shall subsist or continue in being.

£ 50 Bank
Stock,
Armsby
Minister.

And it is my Will, and I do hereby direct, that the Interest, Dividends, or yearly Produce of Three hundred Pounds Bank Stock, the Remainder of my said Five hundred and Fifty Pounds Bank Stock, shall be from time to time received or suffered to lie in the Bank unreceived till One of my said Trustees shall happen to die; and that when a new Trustee, in the Place of such Trustee deceased, shall be nominated and appointed in manner herein after mentioned to act in the said Trust, in pursuance of this my Will, and shall accept thereof, that then such new Trustee shall be paid out of the Interest, Dividends or Produce of the said Three hundred Pounds Bank Stock the Sum of Twenty Pounds, as a Recompence for his Trouble of acting in the Execution of the said Trust; and so in like manner from time to time the Sum of Twenty Pounds shall be paid thereout to each and every succeeding or new Trustee for so long time as the Trusts by this my Will created shall continue or endure.

£ 300 Bank
Stock,
to answer
£ 20 to every
new Trustee.

And my Will is, and I do hereby direct, that in Case any or either of my said Trustees by this my Will appointed shall after my Death refuse to act in or take upon themselves or himself the Execution of the Trust hereby reposed in him or them; and also whenever and as often as any or either of my said Trustees, who shall act in the Trust by this my Will created, shall depart this Life, that then the surviving and acting Trustees under or by virtue of this my Will shall meet together as soon as conveniently may be after such Refusal or Death, and, by a Writing to be signed by them, nominate and appoint another or other fit and proper Person or Persons to be a Trustee or Trustees to act in the Trust by this my Will created, in the Place of such Trustee or

New
Trustees.

Trustees refusing to act, or dying as aforesaid; which Trustee or Trustees, to be from time to time nominated and appointed, shall have, and I do hereby give unto him and them and every of them, the same Power and Authority to act in and execute the Trusts by this my Will declared, as if such Trustee or Trustees had been actually named in and appointed for that Purpose in this my Will; and so from time to time, upon the Death of any or either of the Trustee or Trustees acting in the said Trust, to nominate and appoint a new Trustee or Trustees to act in the said Trust, in the Place of such deceased Trustee or Trustees so dying, so long as the Trusts by this my Will created shall continue or endure.

Country
Trustees.

London
Trustees.

And I do hereby declare that it is my Will that when either of my Trustees, who now do or shall hereafter reside or dwell in the *Country*, shall die, that a *new Trustee* shall be nominated and appointed to act in the said Trust, who shall reside and dwell at a *proper Place in the Country*; and that when either of my said Trustees who do or shall reside or dwell in *London or Westminster, or within the Suburbs or Liberties thereof*, shall happen to die, that a *new Trustee* shall be chosen to act in the said Trust, who shall live or reside in the *said City of London or Westminster, or the Suburbs or Liberties thereof*.

Particular
Baptists.

And I direct that all such new Trustees so to be chosen shall be *Ministers or Teachers of Congregations of Protestant Dissenters of Particular Baptists*.

Residuary
Legatees.

I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my Goods, Chattles, and Personal Estate whatsoever, to my two Sons in Law *William Snooke and Richard Hall*, equally to be divided between them Share and Share alike.

And

And it is my Will that my said Trustees, or any or either of them, shall not be accountable for the Act, Default or Receipt of the other or others of them, but each of them for his own Act, Receipt or Default only; and that my said Trustees and every of them shall and may retain and deduct out of the Money, that shall come to or be received by them, or any or either of them, by virtue of the Trust aforesaid, *all such Costs, Charges and Expences* which they or any or either of them shall pay, expend or be put unto, *in or about the Execution of the Trusts* hereby reposed in them, any or either of them.

Trustees
Costs.

And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint the said *William Snooke* and *Richard Hall* Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Second Day of *June*, in the Year of our Lord, One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty-three.

Executors.

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the
within-named Testatrix *Elizabeth Seward*,
as and for her last Will and Testament,
in the Presence of, *Isaac Woodman*,
Wal. Gibbons, *Walter Gibbons*, junior.

Eliz. Seward.

Proved in the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*,
the 6th Day of *February*, 1754.