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CATHOLIC EPISCOPAL WILLS

IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, DUBLIN,
1683-1812.

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Durrow, Queen's Co.

MOST of the fifty-eight wills comprising this series were proved in the various Diocesan Probate Courts ; and the references to them, as well as to a few others of which probate had never been taken out, are to be found in the Indexes of Diocesan Wills, Search Room, Public Record Office. The remainder, owing to the fact that the respective testators had effects of the value of £5 or upwards in more than one Diocese, were proved in the Probate Court of the Protestant Archbishop of Armagh, called the Prerogative Court ; and, hence, their references must be sought for, in the Public Record Office, in the Indexes of Prerogative Wills, beginning with the year 1536.

Although in drawing up or signing those wills, or in the endorsements thereon, the testator's episcopal rank is sometimes expressly mentioned, in most cases the writers of the wills were very careful, for obvious reasons, to make no reference whatever to the true ecclesiastical dignity of the testators, describing them merely as " Gentlemen," " Parish Priests " or " Clerks," and occasionally using no descriptive titles at all. In all cases, however, the identification of the wills in this collection as episcopal is perfectly satisfactory, and should present but little difficulty to any one fairly well acquainted with our Irish Episcopal Succession from the closing years of the seventeenth century to the early part of the nineteenth.

All the wills have been copied by the collector himself from the originals, except those of Dr. Lincoln, of Dublin, and Dr. Francis Burke, of Tuam, of which only transcripts of the now missing originals are forthcoming. The original documents are here carefully re-produced, no change being made in the spelling or in any other way except that very often the punctuation has had to be improved on, and the Latin entries and endorsements have been more or less freed of contractions.

Of the value of the wills as Diocesan documents, and as throwing light on the history of the Irish Church there can be no question. So far none of them have appeared in print but those of Dr. Edmund Byrne,¹ of Dublin, Drs. James Phelan,² William Daton² and Malachy Dulany,² of Ossory and Drs. Sylvester Lloyd³ and Thomas Hussey,⁴ of Waterford, and Lismore.

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PROVINCE OF ARMAGH.

ARMAGH.

I.

WILL OF DR. HUGH MACMAHON, ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH AND PRIMATE.

(From the Prerogative Wills.)

[Dr. MacMahon was appointed Bishop of his native Diocese, Clogher,

¹ See *A Short History of Some Dublin Parishes*, by Most Rev. N. Donnelly, D.D., Lord Bishop of Canea, Part VI., Sect. II., pp. 47-8.

² See *The History and Antiquities of the Diocese of Ossory*, by the Rev. W. Carrigan, Vol. I., pp. 122-4, 130 and 142.

³ See *Journal of the Waterford, &c., Archæological Society*, Vol. III., pp. 38-9.

⁴ See *Calendarium Collegii Sancti Patritii apud Maynooth*, 1884-5, p. 149.

March 15th, 1707, and was promoted to the Primatial See of Armagh,¹ Aug. 22nd. 1713 (—*Brady*); author of the famous work entitled “*Jus Primatiale Armacanum*”; died in the City of Dublin, Aug. 2nd, 1737, in his 77th year, and was buried in St. Peter’s Church at Drogheda (—*Renchan’s Collections*, Archbishops. p. 98)].

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Hugh MacMahon of Ardmagh but sometimes residing in Drogheda being in good health and of sound mind and memory thanks be to God and calling to mind ye uncertainty of human life and not knowing when it may please Almighty God to call me out of this world, in order therefore to settle my temporall affairs do make this my last will and testament in manner following :—

Imprimis, I bequeath my soul to God in hopes of eternal salvation through ye merits and sufferings of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ & by ye intercession of ye blessed Virgin Mary, St. Michael ye archangell my angel guardian, holy St. Joseph my patron St. Patrick, St. Hugh, St. Barbara and all ye saints and angels in Heaven, and doe recommend my selfe to ye prayers of all the faithfull my body to the earth [to] be buried privately without any pomp or shew if I dye in Dublin or in ye neighbourhood thereof in St. James’s church yard, but if I happen to dye at Drogheda or thereabouts to be buried in St. Peter’s Church of Drogheda next to the deceased Captain Plunkett, but if I dye in any other part of ye kingdom then to be buried where my nearest relations shall think fit.

Item my will is that my executors herein after named doe distribute five pounds sterling in bread cloaths or in such other manner as they shall think proper amongst the poor of ye neighbourhood of ye place where I dye.

Item I hereby recommend to John Reilly of the city of Dublin, Esq., who is administrator to my father Colla MacMahon² to give to

¹ Dr. MacMahon’s immediate predecessor in the Primatial See of Armagh was the Dominican, Dr. Maguire, who appears in the list of Jacobites outlawed after the battle of the Boyne, as “Cuchonaght, otherwise Dominick McGuire of Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, commonly called Primate of Ireland.”—(Outlawries from 1690 to 1696, in Public Record Office, Dublin.)

² Coll, Colla or Colla Dubh MacMahon, the Primate’s father must have lived to a great old age. By his last will dated June 14th, 1723, and now among the Prerogative Wills in the Record Office, Dublin, he directs that his body “be decently interred in the Church or Churchyard

my brother Con MacMahon and after his death to give to his son or sons as much of the rents of Cavani as he can.

Item my will is yt my executors doe not aske or demand from my brother Patrick MacMahon or his heirs executors or administrators ye three hundred pounds which he owes me untill such time as my sd brother his executors or administrators shall demand trouble molest or sue at law my sd brother Con or the sd John Reilly their or either of their heirs, executors or administrators for the said lands of Cavani or any part thereof or the produce thereof one moiety of which said debt of three hundred pounds was advanced or lent to my sd brother by and in ye name of Mr. Miles Reilly late of the city of Dublin merchant tho' my own propper money, but in case my said brother Patrick his executors administrators or assigns shall at any time hereafter proceed either at law or in equity against my said brother Con his heirs executors or administrators or against the sd John Reilly his heirs executors or administrators for to bring them or any of them to an account for the rent of the said lands of Cavany or any part thereof then my will is that my executors doe proceed to recover ye sd debt of three hundred pounds so due to me as aforesaid from my sd brother Patrick which

of Clownish," now Clones; he leaves his son "Hugh McMahon alias Breminham the Lease of the 4 Tates of land that lies in the Barony of Dartry as also his house and furniture," and after his said son Hugh's death he leaves to his (*i.e.*, testator's) "grandson, Coll McMahon, junr., all the issues and profitts of the said Lease of the 4 Tates durence the term of them;" he bequeaths to his son Conn McMahon £5, after the debts are paid; he bequeaths to his grandson Artt McMahon £5, after the debts are paid; he leaves his daughter Margaret McMahon one milch cow; and he appoints Major John Makena and Mr. Miles Reily, of the city of Dublin, to be overseers of his will, and [his son] "Hugh McMahon to be chief manager of all in equalizing, desideing and settleing all and singular." The witnesses were, Thomas Cassidy, Ever McMahon and Owen Macabe. On the 11th March, 1724 (old style?), administration of the goods, &c., with the will annexed, of the above "Coll McMahon late of Bellatreat, Co. Monaghan, deceased," was granted to Miles Reilly, of Dublin, the deceased's principal creditor, with the consent and approval of Hugh McMahon otherwise Breminham and Patrick McMahon, natural and lawful sons of the deceased. In an examination held in presence of the Lords Justices and Council of Ireland in 1712, the infamous priest-hunter, Edward Tyrrell, deposed that he "saw Primate M'Mahon in Flanders, and is now in this kingdom, and knows he resides at Cullogh-Duffe M'Mahon's, near Carrickmacrosse, in the County Monaghan." Bellatreat, now Bellatrain, is in the region of Carrickmacross, and here, no doubt, it was that the Archbishop resided with his father Colla Dubh or Cullogh-Duffe McMahon.

debt when recovered I desire may be paid to my brother Con or to such of his sons as shall be then liveing.

Item I bequeath to my sister Mary the widow of Manus Magauran the sum of twenty pounds but if she dyes before me then my will is that ye same be divided amongst her children in such proportion as to my executors shall seem fit.

Item I bequeath to my nephew Ned Reilly now abroad who is ye son of Owen Reilly and my sister Rose ye sum of twenty pounds to be divided between himselfe his brethren and sisters in such manner as he shall think proper.

Item I bequeath to my niece Catherine ye widow of Luke Cassidy tenn pounds but if she dyes before me my will is that ye sd sum be paid to her son Constantine Cassidy to be divided between himselfe his brethren & sisters in such manner as he shall think proper.

Item I bequeath to my niece Helen sister to ye sd Catherine & who is married to [blank] Duffy tenn pounds.

Item I bequeath to each of my three sisters vizt. to Margret who is married to Owen Reilly, to Susanna ye widow of Owen O'Neal to Elizabeth who is married to [blank] MacMahon to each of my sd three sisters ten pounds, but if any of them happen to dye before me then my will is that my executors do distribute ye legacies of such as shall so dye between their children in such manner as my sd executors shall think proper.

Item I leave to my two foster brothers Edmund & Thady MacAlgivery al' Winter five pounds apiece but in case they or either of them dyes before me then my will is that ye said sum or sums be distributed amongst ye children of such of them as shall so dye, in such manner as my executors shall think fit.

Item my will is that if Mr. Paul Thally ¹ who now lives wth me shall happen to continue with me untill I dye then and in such case my will is that my executors over and above wt may happen to be due to him at ye rate of eight pounds sterling per annum doe pay him twenty pounds and also I give him the horse saddle and bridle that he usually has with me in the country.

Item I will that in case Charley Cullin my servant lives with me at ye time of my death in such case I desire yt my executors do lay out or expend seven pounds to put him to a trade or otherwise as they

¹ Probably a priest and chaplain or secretary of the Primate. Administration of the goods of Rev. Paul Tally, P.P., Curbracka, Diocese of Armagh, deceased, was taken out in 1766.

shall think most to the said boy's advantage and that they give him such cloaths and linen as he usually wares.

Item my will is that Mrs. Mary Reilly in Deer Street, Drogheda, and ye gentlewomen in her house¹ do not pay me ye twenty pounds which they owe me, during my life, I order that my executors do release ye sd debt to them after I dye and I do further order my sd executors to give among them gentlewomen tenn pounds sterling.

Item my further will is yt the said Mrs. Reilly and ye sd other gentlewomen do besides ye clock which I have bestowed them, keep the douzain of chairs and ye harpsicord or spinett which I have lent to them unless I take the same out of their custody in my life time.

Item I give to my executors the black case² with the silver ornaments belonging to the same with all therein contained which I heretofore deposited with ye gentlewomen in ye sd Mrs. Reilly's house, whome I order to deliver ye sd case and ye sd other things to my executors when they shall demand the same.

Item my will is that my executors do give away or dispose of all my books in such manner as Mr. Brian MacMahon³ of Clogher & Mr. Michael Reilly⁴ of Drogheda shall think fit.

Item I do bequeath to sd Mr. Michael Reilly of Drogheda all that belongs to me of ye furniture of my roome in ye house of Mr. Smith ye apothecary in Drogheda and I doe recommend to him to make some acknowledgment at his death to some of my poor relations of ye same.

Item my will is that my executors do permit and suffer sd Mr. Reilly of Drogheda to have the use of my silver knives silver forks silver spoons silver salts and silver salvers during his life he giving them his promissory note to return the same at or before his death to my sd executors which plate after ye death of ye sd Michael Reilly I order to be sould and ye price thereof distributed amongst such of my relations as to my executors shall seem proper all which plate except a large silver spoon

¹ The Convent of the Dominican Nuns, in Deer Street, Drogheda, founded in 1722.

² The Primate here evidently refers to the reliquary containing the head of the Venerable Oliver Plunket, the martyred Archbishop of Armagh.

³ Appointed Bishop of Clogher in 1727, and promoted to Armagh in 1738.

⁴ Then P.P. Drogheda and V.G. of Armagh. He was appointed Bishop of Derry, April 24th, 1739, and was promoted to Armagh, January 23rd, 1749.

or ladle yt I lent to ye sd Mrs. Mary Reilly of Deer Street are in a drawer in my chamber at Drogheda.

Item I desire that my executors do use their endeavours to recover ye debt of one hundred and twenty-five pounds sterling principall money which Capn. Plunkett late of Drogheda and his wife owe by bond which bond was taken in ye name of Mr. Miles Reilly late of ye citty of Dublin merchant tho' it was my money that was lent to sd Capn. Plunkett and when sd money is recovered my will is that my executors doe pay out of the same to Miss Martha Plunkett one of ye daughters of ye sd Capn. Plunkett fifty pounds part of ye sd bond debt when recovered and I do recommend to her to be kind to her two unmarried sisters Catherine and Henrietta.

Item if my brother Con happens to survive me I bequeath unto him ye horse I usually ride my saddle bridle wearing linnen and all my wearing apparell. And my portmantle horse I desire may be given to such of my sd foster brothers as my executors shall think most needy.

Item I bequeath to James Moore of Ballena,¹ Esqr., Morery's dictionary in two volumes in folio and to his mother Mrs. Alice Moore I bequeath Fitzherbert's Pollicie and Religion in four volumes.

Item I bequeath to sd. Mrs. Reilly of Drogheda and to the gentlewomen of her house Rodriguese in three volumes.

I bequeath to John Reilly of ye citty of Dublin, Esqr., fifty pounds to be disposed of as Mr. Bernard MacMahon of Clogher and Mr. Michael Reilly of Drogheda shall direct. My further will is that my executors do distribute amongst ye poor widows and orphans of ye diocese of Ardmagh and Clogher ten pounds in such manner as my executors shall think propper with ye consent and directions of sd Mr. Bryan MacMahon & sd Mr. Michael Reilly. My further will is that my executors do pay all such debts as I shall happen to owe at my decease and further I hereby declare and will that they my executors be no way answerable for any mistake which they may happen to committ in ye execution of this will or any part thereof and that they deduct out of my effects any charges or expenses which they or either of them may be at or put too either by law suits or otherwise.

⁵ Now Balyna, Co. Kildare. James Moore, of Balyna, Esq., whose only daughter and heir, Letitia, married Richard O'Ferrall, Esq., ancestor of the More O'Ferrall family, was the great-grandson of Colonel Lewis Moore, Esq., of Balyna, and Mary, his wife, the daughter of Philip macHugh O'Reilly, probably a relative of Archbishop MacMahon, whose mother is said to have been Eileen O'Reilly, niece of Owen Roe O'Neill.

Lastly my will is that all the rest and residue of my goods and chattles of whatsoever kind they be shall be for the use and distributed amongst such of my young relations and at such time and in such manner and proportion as to my executors shall seem meet with ye consent or approbation of ye sd Mr. Bryan MacMahon of Clogher and sd Micheal Reilly of Drogheda, but if any of my relations shall dispute at law or not acquiesce with such order or disposition of ye sd residue of my goods and chatles as my executors and ye sd Bryan MacMahon and ye sd Michael Reilly or ye survivors of them shall think fit or shall make then and in such case my will is that such relation of mine so disputing ye same shall be paid by my executors one shilling the same to be to such relation or relations so disputing as aforesaid in full for all right title or other claim that he or they has or may have by virtue of this will or otherwise to any part of my personall estate whatsoever.

And I doe hereby nominate constitute and appoint my kinsman ye above named John Reilly of ye citty of Dublin, Esqr., and Richard Mathews of ye citty of Dublin, brewer, executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former will and wills by me heretofore made. As witness my hand and seal this first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty-five.

Signed sealed and published HUGH MACMAHON. [Seal.]
in ye presence of us,
 Nicholas Nugent
 Bryan Reilly.

Whereas I Hugh MacMahon of Armagh but sometimes of Drogheda have heretofore made my last will & testament since which time I have thought it propper to add somewhat thereto by way of Codicill. Wherefore my further will is yt my executors in sd will named do pay tenn pounds to my sister MacMahon who is married to Mr. Cavenough Item my will is yt in case my brother Con dyes, leaving no issue male at ye time of his death that then after such my sd brother Con's death my nephew Arthur son to my brother Ardill shall receive ye like provision or profit yt my brother Con was to have out of Cavany.

And in order to prevent any lawsuits being commenced or prosecuted either at law or in equity against my sd executors [and] ye sd Bryan MacMahon of Clogher & ye sd Michael Reilly of Drogheda or any of them their or either or any of their heirs, executors or administrators for or on account of their or any of their taking upon them ye execution of my will I do hereby will and order that my sd executors with ye

consent of ye sd Bernard MacMahon of Clogher & ye sd Michael Reilly of Drogheda or ye survivor of them shall and may dispose of all or any part thereof as they shall think proper and also that they or any of them shall not be accountable either at law or in equity to any person or persons whatever for the same or for the residue of my personall estate but that they shall dispose thereof amongst such of my relations and at such time or times only, as they shall think proper my true intent and maining being that all doubts, disputes, claims, demands and controversies which may arise or which any of my relations may have claim or pretend to by my will or otherwise to my goods or chatles or personall estate of whatsoever kind it be or any part thereof that ye same be finally determined and absolutely settled by ye judgment of my sd executors & ye sd Bryan MacMahon of Clocher & ye sd Michael Reilly of Drogheda or ye survivor or survivors of them and that such my relation or relations as shall not abide by or be satisfied with ye determination or judgment of my sd executors & ye sd Bryan MacMahon of Clocher & sd Michael Reilly or ye survivor of them that to each and every of such my relation or relations my sd executors do pay one shilling the same to be to him her or them & every of them in bare & full satisfaction to and for any legacie or other claim which they or any of them have or may have by virtue of my will or otherwise to my personall estate goods & chatles or any part whatsoever thereof anything in my sd will to ye contrary notwithstanding.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal to this codicill or addition to my sd will this first day of December in ye year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and thirty-five.¹

HUGH MACMAHON. [Seal.]

Signed sealed and published
in the presence of us,
James Gallagher.
Edmd. Conner.
Nicholas Nugent.

John Reily, esq., one of ye executors nam'd in ye above will was sworn to ye execution of ye same according to law before us this 31st day of Jany., 1738, as also to ye sanity of the Testator at ye time of the perfection thereof.

NATHL. BLAND.

Endorsement :—“ The last will and Testament of Hugh McMahon late of Armagh but sometimes residing in Drogheda, Popish Priest, decd. 1738.”

¹ The will is throughout in the Primate's handwriting.

II.

WILL OF DR. ANTHONY BLAKE, ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH.

(From Wills of the Diocese of Tuam.)

[Dr. Blake, from being Warden of Galway, became Bishop of Ardagh in 1756, and was promoted to Armagh in 1758. He resigned the administration of the Primatial See about 1780; after which he retired to his native Connaught and closed his last day there, at an advanced age, Nov. 29th, 1787.]

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Doctr. Anthony Blake,¹ of Carrowbrowne, in the County of the Town of Galway, Clerk, being weak in Body but of sound and perfect Mind and Memory, thanks be to Almighty God for the same, Do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following; hereby revoking all and every will, Testament or any other Disposition of my Property heretofore made by me.

First, I bequeath my soul to my Almighty God, firmly relying thro' the Merits and Passion of my ever blessed Redeemer to obtain life everlasting; and I direct that my Body shall be interred in that part of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas in Galway commonly called Brown's Isle; where a marble slate² already prepared for that purpose is to be fixed in the most convenient manner possible.

Secondly, I will and bequeath unto my sister Magdalen Murphy otherwise Blake, widow, the sum of Ten Pounds sterling.

Thirdly, I will and bequeath unto my nephew Maurice Blake of Cluning, Esqr. (now in Bath) the sum of one Pound two shillings and nine pence sterling to buy him a Mourning Ring.

Fourthly, I will and bequeath unto my Grand Nephew, Isidore Blake of Tower Hill, Esqr., my family plate.

Fifthly, I will and bequeath unto my Grand Nephew, Thomas Mahon, of Rundiffen, Esqr., the sum of one Pound two shillings and ninepence sterling for a Mourning Ring.

Sixthly, I will and bequeath my Books, Silver Chalic and Altar furniture to my Grand Nephew, Patrick Kirwan, now in Rome, if He

¹ Dr. Blake was son of Patrick Blake, Esq., of Kilvine, Co. Mayo, who was son of Andrew Blake of Dunmacrina, also in Co. Mayo.—(See Appendix I., *infra*.)

² The word "slate" appears to have been in common use in the 18th century, in the Co. Galway, to denote a grave-stone or sepulchral slab.

should become a Clergyman ; otherwise I bequeath them to the College of St. Nicholas to pray for me.

Seventhly, I will and bequeath unto the College of St. Nicholas my Pontifical Ornaments.

Eighthly, I will and bequeath unto my servant Jerry Mullowny the sum of ten pounds sterling if he should be in my service at the hour of my Death.

Ninthly, I will and bequeath unto my servant Thomas Bermingham the sum of five pounds sterling if he should be in my service at the hour of my death.

Tenthly, And as to all the Rest and Residue of my worldly substance not hereby otherwise disposed of consisting of my Interest and Property in the Farm of Carrowbrowne and of my horses, cows, sheep, Household Furniture and other effects, I order that the same may be divided into two equal Moieties ; and I do hereby will and bequeath one Moiety of the said Residue to and for the Use and Benefit of my niece, Mary Kirwan otherwise Blake, formerly of the Town of Galway, widow, but for several years past residing with me in my house at Carrowbrowne aforesaid, and I will and bequeath the other Moiety of the said Residue to and for the Use and Benefit of my two Grand Nieces, Anstas Kirwan and Mary Kirwan, now also residing with Me at Carrowbrowne aforesaid, to be equally divided between them the said Anstas Kirwan and Mary Kirwan.

And finally, I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Niece, Mary Kirwan, Widow, sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testamt. In witness whereof, my Hand shaking so that I cannot write my Name, I have hereunto set my Mark this Fourth Day of October in the year of our Lord 1785 five.

his
ANTHONY X BLAKE.
mark

Signed as aforesaid and sealed and published by the said Testator, Anthony Blake, as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us, who at the Request of the said Testator and in his Presence and in the Presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses,

Augn. Kirwan.

Andw. Kenny.

John Kirwan Anthy

Mary Kirwan, widow, sole executrix named and appointed in and by the annexed will made oath on the holy Evangelists as well with respect to the due perfection thereof by the above named Anthony Blake, the testator, as to the faithful execution of the same by her as sole executrix.

Before me, this 4th day of Decembr., 1787.
EDMD. BURTON.
V.G.

Mary Kirwan.

Will endorsed :—" 4th Decr., 1787. The last will and Testamt. of the Revd. Anthony Blake, late of Carrowbrowne in the County of the Town of Galway, Deced."

MEATH.

III.

WILL OF DR. JAMES CUSACK, BISHOP OF MEATH.
(From the Prerogative Wills.)

[Dr. Cusack became Coadjutor Bishop of Meath Oct. 5th, 1678, succeeded to the See Nov. 18th, 1679, and died in the early part of 1688.]

In nomine Domini. Amen.

I, James Cusacke, Catholicke Bishop of Meath, tho' weake of body yett of perfect sense and memory, doe make this my last will and testament hereby reuokeing and annulling all former will or wills by me heretofore made declaring this to be my sole and last testament and will.

First, I bequeath my soule to God, and my body to be buried in the parish church of Duleeke under the ould pulpitt.

Secondly, my will is that thirtie pounds payable to me by Mr. Nicholas Dromgole about the next St. Patrick's day be equally devided betweene my three sisters Elinor, Jean and Margarett wthout any interest.

Thirdly, my will is that the five and twenty pounds due to me on Robert Netteruill of Cruicrath, Esq., and the six pounds due to me on Christopher Darcy of Carranstowne be paid my brother Robert Cusacke about next St. Patrick's day wthout any interest.

Fourthly, my will is that the Bibliotheca Patrum wch I expect

from France be given the Jesuits, and the Bookes of my study I bequeath to my nephew Patricke Cusacke, if he returns from Spain a secular priest, otherwise to my nephew George Plunkett, untill some one of my name becomes priest, for my will is the said bookes should continue in my familie, except the History of the Councill of Trent wch I bequeath to the Archbishop of Cashell, and the new missall wch I leave my brother Franke.

Fifthly, I bequeath to my sister Catharin Cusacke the first twenty pound that shalbe recouered of the two hundred pounds left me by Sr. Peter Bathe and due on John Talbott of Belgard, be they principall or interest. The remanent part of the said two hundred pounds I leave to be equally divided between both my nephews vidt. Adam Cusacke, the marchant, and James Cusacke fitz Francis, with the interest thereof; my will is that my nephew James his proportion of the said sume be giuen to Thomas Bellew of Gaffny, Esqr., and that my said nephew be kept to schoole wth the interest thereof.

Sixthly, my will is that the debt due on John Cusacke and Peter Cusacke of Trubly be deuided equally between my nephews George Cusacke and James Cusacke provided always that the said Peter Cusacke pay no interest for the said debt, if demanded wthin a year after he is in possession of Trubly and he pays it.

Lastly, I doe hereby constitute, nominat & appoint my well beloved friends Dr. Gerard Teeling¹ and father Christopher Tallon, priests, extors. of this my last will and testament. As witness my hand and seale this seauenth day of February, 1687.

JAMES CUSACKE,

Signed, sealed and declared Catholicke Bishop of Meath. [Seal.]
in presence of

Tho. Bellew.

Patrick Curtis.

Will. Barry.

Introscripti executores jurati tam de veritate quam de debita executione eiusdem testamenti coram me 19 die Aprilis, 1688.

DUD : LOFTUS.

¹ Dr. Teeling, a native of the Diocese of Meath and a distinguished student of the Irish College, Rome, was ordained in 1680. In the following year he was appointed Vicar Apostolic of Dublin diocese; but not being well received by the Dublin clergy, owing to his youth, he was withdrawn in 1682.

Probatum et approbatum &c. testamentum Reverendi in Christo patris ac Domini Domini Jacobi Cusacke nuper (ut asseritur) Midensis Episcopi defuncti &c. necnon onus executionis eiusdem et administratio bonorum &c. concessa fuerunt &c. Geraldo Teeling et Christophoro Tallon, clericis, executoribus in huiusmodi testamento nominatis &c. Datum decimo nono die mensis Aprilis anno Domini 1688.

Endorsement :—" Testamentum originale Jacobi Cusacke nuper (ut asseritur) Midensis Episcopi, 1688."

ARDAGH.

IV.

WILL OF DR. JAMES BRADY, BISHOP OF ARDAGH.

(From Wills of the Diocese of Ardagh.)

[Dr. Brady was appointed Bishop of Ardagh, Aug. 21st, 1758, and died Jan. 11th, 1788, in his 78th year.]

In the name of God. Amen.

I, The Right Revd. Doctr. James Brady, of Hermitage, in the Parish of Tisheney, in the county of Longford, being weak in Body but of sound and Perfect mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, Do make and Publish this my Last will and Testament, in manner and form following :—

First, I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved grand niece, Mary Duffy otherwise Brady, wife of Patrick Duffy, of Hermitage aforesaid, gentn., all bonds, notes, and bills due and payable to me, also all the money now in the hands of my clergy payable to me, also all my household furniture of every kind, plate, gold crosses, watches, gold rings, challasses and every article belonging to me as a clergyman.

I also give & bequeath unto my nephew Nicholas Brady the sum [of] fifty pounds.

I further give and order to be paid unto the Poor of my Diocese, the sum of one hundred Pounds.

I hereby appoint James Haggarty, of Colehill, in the County of Longford aforesaid, Esqr., and the said Patrick Duffy, Executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the

28th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty-seven.

JACOBUS BRADY.

[Seal.]

Signed, sealed, Published and Declared by the within Named James Brady to be his Last will and Testament in the Presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our Names as witnesses in the Presence of the Testator and of each other:

Patt Duff.

Mike Nugent.

Edward Duff.

1788, Jan. 18th, upon which day Patrick Duffy, one of ye executors named in ye above will swore as well to ye Credibility as to ye due execution of ye same, before me,

ROBT. BEATTY, Vic. Gen.

DERRY.

V.

WILL OF DR. PHILIP McDAVETT, BISHOP OF DERRY.

(From Wills of the Diocese of Derry.)

[Dr. McDavett, born at Crislagh, Inishowen, Co. Donegal, was appointed Bishop of Derry, Jany. 4th, 1766, and died in Nov. or Dec., 1797, "at Claudy near Strabane in the 78th year of his age." (*Hibernian Magazine* for Dec., 1797.) He is buried in the churchyard of Fahan, Inishowen.]

I, Philip McDavett, of Dunnigowan, in the Parish of urney, & county of Tyrone, Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Derry, being weak in Body but of sound & firm judgment do hereby make this my last will & testament. First I commend my soul to Almighty God, my body to be buried in the churchyard of Fahan, either in my father's or mother's grave, or if neither is ripe or fit to be opened, in some part of the burying ground belonging to our family, the charges of my funeral to be left to the discretion of my executors.

I order my executors, when convenient, to sell my lease of Dunni-

gowan and part of Hunterstown, held under Richard Maxwell, Esqr., Lieut. Colonell of the Donegall Militia, and hope & request the Colonel will consent to sd sale. I order my said executors to sell by public auction, as above, all my stock of cattle of every sort, also the entire of my grain and fodder, save such quantities of each as may be necessary untill my executors will have settled my affairs; and if my farm shall be wrought and put in seed this year as usual, I order the crops to be sold by auction as above, likewise all my household furniture, beds & bed-cloaths, subject to any exception I may think proper to make as to the beds in the sequel of this my last will—the money that will result from the sale of all the above sd articles to be disposed of as will be hereafter ordered by me.

I bequeath all my wearing apparel, shirts excepted, to my two brothers William and John McDavett, share and share alike. I bequeath to my nephew Richard McDavett, of Tyban, six of my shirts and as many cravats or neck-cloaths—all the remainder of my shirts & cravats I order to be distributed among the sons of my brother-in-law, Richard Houton, share & share alike.

I bequeath to my niece Winifrede Houton seven guineas sterl. for her faithful services to me, also her bed & bed-cloaths, exclusive of all wages will be due to her on the 1st of May next, all wages due to her by me untill the first of November last being already paid. I also bequeath to sd Winifrede the half of my table-cloaths, sheets and towels, and the other half to her two sisters.

I bequeath to my niece, Anne Dougherty, in the Lagan, six silver tea spoons. I bequeath a silver tablespoon to my niece Maryana Nulty, another silver tablespoon to my niece Nelly Green. I bequeath one guinea to my nephew Anthony Dougherty in the lagan, also a guinea to his sister, Catharine Carlan in the Parish of Lifford.

I bequeath to my niece, Mary Dougherty, of the Lagan, the two guineas which she has borrowed from me, also to my nephew, James Dougherty, of the Lagan, the two guineas and a half which he has borrowed from me. I bequeath my shoe buckles, knee buckles & stock buckle, if found, to my nephew Philip McDavett of Glenlee; my two canes to my two brothers; my boots, spurs, shoes & stockings to my brother John.

I bequeath to the Revd. Charles O'Donnell,¹ Pastor of Templemore,

¹ He was made Coadjutor-Bishop of Derry, January 11th, 1797, and succeeded to the see the following December. His death occurred in 1824.

my gold watch in consideration of the trouble he will have in the management of my affairs as an executor. I bequeath to my nephew Denis McDavett, son of my brother William, six guineas in consideration of his trouble as one of my executors, and if that sum will appear insufficient for such trouble let him be indemnified at the arbitration of impartial, honest and judicious men.

I order my books to be sold, as will appear meet and convenient to my executors, and the money to result from the sale of them to be disposed of for the use of my nephew William McDavett and my two grandnephews Charles O'Donnell & William O'Donnell of Rushville, share and share alike, to help to defray their expenses at school.

I bequeath to my nephew Daniel McDavett the sum of seven guineas sterl. for his faithful services to me exclusive of the wages which will be due to him the 1st of May next, his wages being paid untill the first of November last. I also leave him his bed & bed-cloaths.

I bequeath to my brother William the seal of my watch on which is engraved the coat of arms of our family. I also order my embroidered suit of vestments to be deposited with him sd William in trust for the use of the Roman Catholic Chapel of Fahan, and desire that they be not drudged or carried about for the common or ordinary use of the Parish. I also desire that the silver chalice which I bought from Mrs. Fulm, Dorset Street, be deposited along with sd vestments, and for the same use; also, my plated candles sticks I leave to the Chapel of Fahan & also the small silver candlestick. I bequeath my silver stand and Burette to the Chapel of Derry. I bequeath my other silver chalice to the parish of Urney. I bequeath my Pontificals & Mitres, with all the Episcopal ornaments, to my successor in this see of Derry; also my white silk vestments.

I bequeath one guinea to each of my two servants, Rodger McCafferty & Sara Carr, for their faithful services, exclusive of their wages. I bequeath one guinea to my niece, Winifrede Breslen, of Cary's-glen.

All the residue and remainder of my cash, goods & chattles & all debts due to me in this country, as also a sum exceeding one hundred pounds sterl. which I have caused long since to be lodged in the Irish Community or seminary of Irish Clerks Establish'd in the street called of the green Horse in Paris, if said sum or any part of it can, or may, be hereafter recovered, allowing the person who will transact that business moderate fees for his trouble, I order to be deposited in the Royal Irish College of St. Patrick at Maynooth in this Kingdom of Ireland for the education of students destined for the ecclesiastical state

and subjects of the Diocese of Derry, in manner & form following, viz. :

1°. My will is that no person shall enjoy the interest of said deposit who shall not previously be so initiated in classical learning, and so endowed with moral virtues, as to afford strong hopes that he may be advanced to the ecclesiastical state in the church of Rome.

2°. My will is that no one shall enjoy the said interest more than six or seven years at most.

3°. My will is that the benefit of the aforesaid deposit shall be extended to the different districts of the Diocese of Derry in rotation, and that it be granted first to a subject of the district of Innishowen, which district includes the Parishes of Faughenvale & Glendermot situate in the county of Derry ; and that a preference be given in the district of Innishowen to my nearest relations descended from Denis McDavett & Winifrede Morrin, formerly of Crislagh in the parish of Fahan & Barony of Innishowen ; and that a preference also be given to the names of McDavett, O'Donnell & Houton.

4°. That it be granted next to a subject of the Diocese of Derry belonging to the district of the county of Derry ; and to the subject that will be found best qualified as to learning and morals.

5°. That it be granted [in the third place] to a subject of the Diocese of Derry belonging to the district of Tyrone, and to the subject best qualified, as above, and that the Parishes of Donaghmore, Lifford & Termonmongan and a part of the parish of Urney, altho' situate in the county of Donegall, be considered as belonging to the district of Tyrone in the sense of the deposit.

6°. That after it shall have gone through the three districts aforesaid, it shall again revert to a subject of the district of Innishowen, as above, and so continue to go in rotation through the different districts as already mentioned.

7°. My will is that the contents of the above dispositions be executed under the inspection of the Roman Catholic Bishop for the time being, with the concurrence of my nearest relations in the ecclesiastical state, or in default thereof, of the best qualified of them among the laity.

And I will further that the interest arising from the deposit may be withdrawn from the College of Maynooth if at any time hereafter the Roman Catholic Bishop of Derry for the time being will be enabled to establish a seminary for ecclesiastics in this diocese of Derry, and convert sd interest to such seminary so erected, sd Bishop having the approbation mentioned in the foregoing article, the capital to remain in Maynooth, and the manager to be allowed ordinary fees for his trouble.

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And I do hereby nominate & appoint the Revd. Charles O'Donnell and Mr. Denis McDavett, of Crislagh, son of my brother William, executors of this my last will and testament, revoking & making void all other wills by me made heretofore and do declare this to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the seventeenth day of March one thousand seven hundred & ninety seven. Signed, sealed & declared by the sd Philip McDavett as and for his last will and testament, in presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the said testator.

PHILIP MCDAVETT. [Seal.]

Fr. Franciscus Gallagher,

T.B. of D.

O.S.F., L.T.

Robert McShane.

John Dougherty.

On a separate slip and in a different hand from the foregoing is:—

I authorize my executors to make such further considerations to Danl. McDavett and Winifred Howton as they will judge meet.

I desire that three guineas be given for the celebration of Masses. I order that the sum of one half guinea be given to Michl. McPeak and the same to his brother.

I also desire my execrs. to lay out three guineas in Charitable uses. And if Col. Maxwell will not consent to the sale of my lease without additional rent, I authorize my execrs. to give said lease and farm to my brother John & sons, as my sd execrs. may think meet.

The within will was duly proved in common form of law and probate thereof granted to the execrs. therein named, this 12th day of Sept., 1800.

JAMES KNOX, Surrogate.

DOWN AND CONNOR.

VII.

WILL OF DR. JOHN ARMSTRONG, BISHOP OF DOWN AND CONNOR.
(From Wills of the Diocese of Down.)

[Dr. Armstrong was appointed Bishop of Down and Connor, April 7th, 1727, and died Decr., 1739.]

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Memorandum of Doctr. Jon. Armstrong's last will and testament.

I order my Body to be interd in the Cathedral Church of Down.

I order a plane morth cloath to be over my corps going to the Church-yard.

I order my horse, and my oats, and my pewter, foure chears, and the furr table, and my 6 new shirts to be sould in order to defray my funerall expenses and to pay my just and lawfull debts.

I order Jon. Taylor of Ballyverly . . . thirteen pence.

I order Oliver Taylor, his brother, one shilling and one penny, if my substance will afford it.

I order the Convent of Castlewilliam ¹ one moydore and the Convent of Dromenecoil² one guinea.

I order Jon. O'Doherty, my servant, my wearing cloathes, and my mare, and both my sadels and bridels, my little oake table, and my Dixonary.

I order Patt O'Doharty ³ my bed and bed cloathes, my oveal table, my two pots, and my gridle, and a grediron.

I order Neale Armstrong and Mary Donevan my ould lennin and my three chists [*i.e.*, chests] and two bed steds. I order Neale the green droged.

I order Henry Armstrong my big coat.

I order the Rev. Mr. Patt Byrne⁴ and the Revd. Mr. Edward Jennings my books.

I order Meary Doharty fifteen shillings. I order Anne Killin two shillings and eight pence halfpenny.

I order the Revd. Mr. Jon. Fitzsimons⁵ my vestments, and my hat, and the shute of cloaths that Mrs. Russell gave me, and he to say sixty Masses to her intention.

I order Jon. O'Doharty to cary my cross and ring and Pontificalia to Doctor Ennis.⁶

¹ The Dominican Friary of Castlewellan in the parish of Kilmegan, Co. Down.—(O'Laverty's *Diocese of Down and Connor*, I. 71).

² The Franciscan Friary of Drumnaquoil, also in the parish of Kilmegan, Co. Down.—(O'Laverty's *Diocese of Down and Connor*, I. 74).

³ "Dr. Armstrong lodged in the house of a respectable farmer named Patrick Mor O'Dogherty in the Upper Town of Ballykinlar [Co. Down] where he died in 1739."—(O'Laverty's *Diocese of Down and Connor*, I. 131-2).

⁴ Rev. Patrick Burn or Burns was P.P. Lisburn in 1743.—(O'Laverty's *Diocese of Down and Connor*, I. 273).

⁵ John Fitzsimons was P.P. Bright.—(O'Laverty 1. 158.)

⁶ Dr. Ennis, otherwise Dr. Brian McMahon, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate.

I order Margaret Fitzsimons six shillings in lieu of the little table.
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10br the 3d 1739.

JOHN X ARMSTRONG.

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Witness present,

fr. Thomas O'Berne.¹

Danl. Fitzpatrick.

Endorsements :—(a) " Preist Armstrong's will " ; and (b) " John Armstrong, Popish Priest & titular Bishop of Down & Invry " (*i.e.*, Inventory).

In the envelope containing Dr. Armstrong's will are two closely written documents of which the following are accurate copies :—

A

Preist Armstrong's Inventory.

A true, full and compleat Inventory of the goods of the late Doctor
Jon. Armstrong.

	£	s.	d.
Cash	10	10	6
Six hogsed of oats, sould at	4	4	0
Twenty hundred of hay, sould at	2	2	3
Turf, sould at	0	5	0
One horse, sould at	2	13	6
Two peeeces of Lennin, sould at	1	7	6
Seven chairs, sould at	0	14	2
Three pewter dishes, sould at	0	7	1
Eleven pewter plates, sould at	0	9	3
Two brass candlesticks, should at	0	3	1
One firr table, sould at	0	2	8
One spinning wheel, sould at	0	2	5
One grate and fire Iorns, sould at	0	8	1
four knives and forks, sould at	0	2	0
Reek and mengar, sould at	0	3	0
Two smoothing iorns, sould at	0	2	6
five shirts, sould at	1	0	0
One valice, sould at	0	2	4
one Punch Boul, sould at	0	2	2½
One mare, value	3	12	0
One table, value	0	6	0
One sute of clothes, value	1	13	0

¹ Father Thomas O'Berne or Burns was P.P. Ardkeen and Portaferry in 1726 and 1732.—(O'Lavery, I. 442).

	£	s.	d.
One weast coat and britches, value	0	9	9
One night gown, value	0	7	0
Two wiggs, value	0	10	0
Two sadls and Two bridls, value	1	0	0
Two Crucifixes, value	1	4	0

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One Gould ring, value	1	10	0
Pontificalia, value	1	10	0
One snuff box, value	0	5	0
One sute of vestments, value	2	11	9
One keeive and coolar, value	0	6	0
two chists and two boxes, value	0	10	0
Two locks, value	0	1	0
One whip, value	0	1	0
One pepper mill and box, value	0	0	6
One sand box and lantern, value	0	0	8
One oil bottle and case, value	0	0	6
One sute of clothes, value	3	0	0
two hats, value	0	6	0
One pair of gloves, value	0	0	8
Three cravats	0	6	0
Three shirts, value	0	6	0
four sheets and four table clothes, value	1	0	0
Eighteen yards of stuff, value	0	12	0
One table, value	0	8	0
One bed and bed clothes, value	4	0	0
Two pots, gridle and gridiorn, value	0	11	0
One slide care	0	1	1
Two brushes, value	0	8	0
One brush and curry-comb	0	6	0
Two pair of boots	0	8	0
one checker handkerchief, value	0	1	0
one comb and case, value	0	0	2
four reazors, value	0	6	0
one lock and fetters, value	0	1	0
two pair of shears, value	0	0	6
a parcel of books, value	8	0	0
a parcel of bottles, value	0	2	0

	£	s.	d.
one drinking glass and looking glass	0	0	6
one pair of spectacles, value	0	1	6
one chamber-pot, value	0	0	1

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Two night caps, value	0	1	0
One stafe, value	0	0	2
One surcingle, value	0	0	6

B.

Dogarty The depositions & sayings of Thomas Turbet, apothecary, taken before the Revd. V. G. di. (*sic*) at Down, Jennings May 28th, 1740.

Who, being duly sworn upon the holy evangelists & examd., saith that he saw John Armstrong about eleven days before he dyed, & that he was then in is (*sic*) perfect senses, & that he did not see him again till about four hours before he dyed, at wch time he was speechless & incapable of making a will, & further saith not.

repeated (*sic*) & sworn before me :

(Signed) THOS. TURBET.

Dennis Mustea,

Deposeth that he attended John Armstrong for eleven days before he dyed, & particularly on the day he made his will ; that when he made his will he was, as this deponent verily believes, in his full senses & master of his understanding, because on that day he recd. a letter which he ordered to be opened & read, & that he observd and took notice of some words being mistaken by the reader, & that he corrected them & put him right, & further sayeth not.

(Signed) DENNIS MUSTEA.

Rowland Hannat¹ deposeth that on the third of Decr. last he saw John Armstrong and had several discourses wth him, particularly relating to the management of a lawsuit, & that his whole behaviour & the conversation he had wth this dept. was like a man in his fful senses ; this dept. also swears that upon a letter's being read to the said

¹ Father Rowland Hannat was Catholic Vicar of Kilcoo in 1726 ; he died Sept. 3rd, 1741.—(O'Laverty, I. 243).

Armstrong he observed & took notice when any mistake was made by the person who read it, & further sayth not.

Thomas O'Berne deposeth that the paper now produced to him, to wch he is a subscribing witness, was perfected by John Armstrong and declared by him to be his last will and testament. That at the time of his signing his mark he was forced to have assistance to guide his hand, but that he seemed perfectly in his senses & to know what he was doing & to give full attention when his will was reading to him before he put his mark to it ; & this deponent asked him if he would have any thing added or deminished to his will, & he answerd not, but that he was ready to sign & perfect it ; & accordingly did so in the manner set forth by dept.

(Signed) F. THOMAS O'BERNE.

Daniel Fitzpatrick deposeth that the paper now produced to him, to wch he is a subscribing witness, was perfected & declared by John Armstrong as his last will and testamt. ; that he was present when Thomas O'Berne asked him whether he woud have anything added or dem[in]ishd to or from it, after it was read to the sd Armstrong, & that he answerd that he would sign it as it was ; & this dept. sayth that he was at the time in his perfect senses & master of his understanding.

(Signed) DAL. FITZPATTK.

Whereas the last will & testamt. of John Armstrong, late titular bp. of Downe, was litigated in the consistory Court of the diocese of Downe, & by sevl. adjurnmts. to Downpatrick, was this day determined by the judge of sd court and the partys, Robt. Jennings, Plaintf., & John Dogherty, deft., did this day agree to stand by the sentence of the sd judge relating to the said will : Now we, the said Robt. Jennings & John Dogherty, do hereby each of us promise & agree to stand & abide by the sentence of the said judge in relation to the said will. Given under our hands this 28th day of May, 1740.

(Signed) RBERT. JENINGE.

(Signed) Jo. O'DOHARTY.

Upon a full hearing of the witnesses in the presence of both partys, after a subscription enter'd into yt ye sd cause shd be heard & determined in a summary way, I, Philip Gayer, clk., L.L.B., Vic. Genl. of the Diocess of Down, do give this judgmt. : I think that the will of the sd John Armstrong is fully proved ; & I do hereby decree the same

to be valid ; & that pursuant to the sd will all his just debts be fully paid & satisfy'd out of all his effects ; & then that all his legacys therein bequeathed be also paid ; & that the residue, if any there be, be equally divided among his relations pursuant to the statute of distributions. Since the sd testator has named no residuary legatee, & as there are no executors named in the sd will, I do commit the execution of the sd will to Robert Jennings, of Sting, a near relation of the sd John Armstrong, & John Dogherty, the principall legatee in ye sd will mentioned.

VII.

WILL OF FRANCIS STUART, BISHOP OF DOWN AND CONNOR.

(From the Prerogative Wills.)

[Dr. Stuart was appointed Bishop of Down and Connor, Sept. 19th, 1740 ; and died a few weeks after May 2nd, 1749.—O'Lavery's *Bishops of Down and Connor*, p. 542.]

In the name of God. Amen.

The twelfth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and fourty seven, I, Francis Stuart of the county of Down, gent., being of sound judgment & memory, thanks be unto God ; therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will & testament : that is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul to God & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent & christian manner in ye church of Bonavargy near Ballecastle in the county of Antrim. And as touching such worldly estate, chattels, bonds, or bonds whereon judgment is enter'd, promissary notes or other goods, wherewith it hath pleas'd God to bless me in this life I give, demise & dispose of ye same in the following manner & form :—

Imprimis, I bequeath to my nephew John Stuart ye sum of one British shilling.

Item, I give to my niece Mary Stuart alias McLaughlin the sum of one British shilling.

Item, I give to my niece Jane Stuart alias Macoy the sum of one British shilling.

Item, I give to my niece Catherine Stuart alias Macfetridge the sum of one British shilling.

Item, I give to my dearly beloved friends Mr. Bryan Hamill of Dyrachy near Lisburn in the county of Antrim, Mr. Bartholomew

Brett of the town of Drogheda, mercht., Mr. Hugh Hamill of Annstreet in the city of Dublin, one of the factors of the Linen Hall, whom I likewise constitute, make & ordain my sole executors of this my last will & testament, all & singular my goods & chattels, that I now am possess'd of, or hereafter, or at my death I shall be possess'd of, by them freely to be possess'd and enjoy'd, they first paying the above legacies here mention'd & all lawfull debts, that may happen to be due by me at my demise.

And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannull all & every other former testaments, wills, legacies & bequests & executors, by me in any ways before-nam'd, will'd & bequeath'd; ratefying & confirming this, & no other to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written.

FRANCIS STUART. [Seal.]

Sign'd, seal'd, pronounc'd and declar'd by the said Francis Stuart as his last will & testament in the presence of us subscribers,

Hugh Hamill.

Bryan Hamill.

Hugh Hamill one of the executors named in the within written will was sworn as well to his belief of the truth of the said will as to his faithful execution thereof this 12th day of July, 1750. Before us,

PHIL. TISDALL.

Endorsed on back:—"The original last will and testament of Francis Stuart late deceased 1750."

VIII.

WILL OF DR. THEOPHILUS MACCARTAN, BISHOP OF DOWN AND CONNOR.
(From Wills of the Diocese of Down.)

[Dr. MacCartan, born in Aughnagown, in the parish of Clonallon, diocese of Dromore, was appointed Bishop of Down and Connor, Sept. 10th, 1760, and, dying, Dec. 16th, 1778, aged 78 years, was buried in the churchyard of Loughanisland, Co. Down.]

In the name of God. Amen. I, Theophilus macCartan of the

parish of Loughanisland & County of Down, Titular Bishop of Down &c., being infirm in health, but of perfect mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is allotted for mankind once to die; I make this my last will and testament in the manner following. first and principally, I will and bequeath my soul to the one Eternal God, the father, son and holy Ghost, three co-equal and co-eternal, the three persons of the adorable trinity, three distinct persons in the same essence and number of divine nature, which soul with this my body I firmly believe and hope to receive in god's mercy at the General Judgment and resurrection. As touching what worldly substance it pleased God to bless me with I will and bequeath in manner following. I will that this my body be bury'd with my parents in the Churchyard of Clonalan (if I do not bring the tombstone¹ to Loughanisland before that period) for the expense of which funeral I bequeath ten pounds ster. I will twenty pounds ster. to the priests of the Diocese of Down & Connor, young and old, to be equally distributed between them by Revd. Paul macCartan,² injoining each priest to say six masses for my intention, said legacy is to be given to such priests as are actually then in Ireland. I will and bequeath to my two grandnieces Pheny and Catherine Kelly the fifty guineas due to me by bond and judgement by Mr. Henry Savage of Saintfield, Attorney, as also fifty pounds ster. out of my substance equally between them; and should either of the two die before the receipt of such money, the whole to the survivor; if both will die before the payment of said legacy I will ten pounds of that money to their mother Angelica Kelly. I order and will that my executors expend as much of sd money to pay for the schooling sd girls to learn to sow and knit. I will and bequeath to my Con., Theophilus McCartan, my silver watch and best suit of Cloathes, with the two plate spoons with my crest, and six shirts and cravats; and if it please God I die before he is settled in any place I order him two guineas

¹ Before his death he *did* get his family tombstone brought from Clonalan churchyard to the insular graveyard of Loughanisland. On the east end of the slab is the Bishop's own inscription; the inscription on the west, or opposite, end commemorates John, Phelomy and Dominick McCartan.—(O'Laverty's *Diocese of Down and Connor*, V. 553).

² Rev. Paul McCartan, P.P. of Duneane from 1768 to 1775 and of Saul from 1775 to 1821 when he died aged 82 years. He was the last Dean of Down.—(O'Laverty, I. 243-4).

in cash. I will and bequeath all my books to Paul, John,¹ Patrick² and young John macCartan,³ priests, equally to be divided, and John's part to remain in father Paul's possession, and Patrick's in Con. John of Morne's keeping; if either or both would die abroad the books to remain to the possessor, injoyning every of the four to celebrate twelve masses to my intention. I also bequeath Paul my saddle, bridle and night gown, with six of my shirts & cravats for his trouble of Administrator. I will to said Patrick macCartan, priest, if he returns, my yalow suit of vestments, with my small plate chalice and what belongs to said ornaments, as also my plate spurs and snuf-box and largest silver pixis, which are to be lodged with father John of Morne for said Patrick's use untill his return.

I will father John mcCartan of Morne the suit of vestments at Dromarod Chaple with the silver pixis I commonly use, and my crucifix tipt'd with plate. I will and order my large chalice and Patena in the keeping of father Paul macCartan at his death to be left according to the inscripton upon sd chalice. I will to father John macCartan, when he returns, the suit of vestments in this house, got from Mr. Morgan, and the small pixis he formerly had from me, but now in this house. I will that three tomes of Pontass and all the tomes I have of Flury's history be given to Patrick Kelly of Crossan, or to one of his sons. I order that the suit of vestments at Loughanisland Chaple, with the plate chalice & patena shall always remain for the use of said Chaple, ordering the parishioners or any principal three thereof not to suffer any of my successors to carry sd ornaments through the parish, but to remain for the use of the Chaple only. I will to Con. Mary maGenis alias McCartan one guinea and the two guineas her son Hugh McGenis owes me by note. I will and bequeath to Con. Sally O'Neill alias

¹ Rev. John McCartan was appointed P.P. of Kilkeel, otherwise Upper Mourne, his native parish, in 1768, and died after a pastoral charge of 42 years in 1810 aged 66.—(O'Lavery, I. 29).

² Rev. Patrick McCartan, born in the parish of Loughanisland, became P.P. or C.C. of Kilclief, on his return from his studies on the Continent, in 1777 or 1778, and was promoted to the pastoral charge of Loughanisland in 1779. He died in 1805 in his 55th year.—(O'Lavery, I. 98–102).

³ Rev. John McCartan, a native of the Diocese of Dromore, was ordained for Down and Connor, March 14th, 1773, after which he pursued his studies in the Lombard College, Paris, for four years. On his return to his Diocese in 1777 he was at once appointed P.P. of Saintfield, and was promoted thence to Ballykinlar in 1780. He died in 1814 — (O'Lavery, I. 133–4).

McCartan of Aughagallan two guineas and my largest plate spoon. I will to Con. Paly mcCartan one guinea and the guinea I lent her by Arthur Roney. I will to Con. Nelly mcCartan alias Roney my tea tonges & tea spoons and my smalest plate table spoon, charging her conscience to leave the same at her death to Mary mcCartan, of Rathmullan, or her heirs ; I also leave sd Nelly all my tea cups & saucers. I will to Catherine macCartan my dishes, and to her husband Arthur Roney two shirts & 2 cravats, and my second best wig and hat ; my best wig that I bequeath to Revd. Paul macCartan ; my second best suit of clothes I will to Arthur mcCartan of Burin ; the Gould ring in the pontifical ornaments being my own I bequeath to my successor ; and as all the silks, Pastoral staff, the cope, stole, manipule, vail and one of the Pontificals, without any linen, belong to the Diocess, I desire the same may be preserv'd by Paul macCartan for my successor. I bequeath to Con. Hugh macCartan, of Saintfield, my great coat, best whip & cane, with a pair of buck-skin gloves. I will to Patrick Savage of Anadorn (for his trouble of being one of my executors) two guineas and two of my shirts and Cravats. If Patrick Rogan is in my service at my decease I order him one guinea, my third or worst surtout, coat, waist-coat & breeches. I will and bequeath my tenant right, title and Interest to this my farm, with all my farming utensils (except my wheel cart which I order to be sold) to my kinsman Fargus macCartan ; but, if at my decease or after it, it will or can be proved that he, said Fargus macCartan, by force, fraud or clandestine private stealing took a crown's worth of my substance, I hereby will, order and desire that he will not enjoy my little farm or a sixpence worth of any legacy or substance ; but in that case I will my right, title and interest to the farm and utensils, as above, to my kinsman, Hugh mcGenis, Mary macCartan's son, hoping that Sqr. Forde (in consideration of what improvements I made here) will except of either as tenant. My silver crucifix upon the Crystal I will to Mr. John McManus of Crigbilly ; my shoe bucles and trunk, along with the above guinea I bequeath to Polly macCartan ; the plate oil-stock and pixis of the deceased Michl. Morgan, in my hand, I will, in the keeping of the Revd. Paul macCartan, which at the charge of his conscience he is to give young Patrick Morgan, nephew to said Revd. Michl. Morgan, as soon as he has any call or is qualified to make use of them. Lastly I will that all my stock, furniture and substance of every kind (except the articles above specified) be sould by publick auction, being first properly advertized, and the above legacies be paid with the money rising from said cant. As I am persuaded after

paying the above articles something of value will remain, I will and order if the same will amount to twenty pounds ster. to [*recte* of] that five pounds which I bequeath to that house will be remitted to the Ladys of Deer-street ¹ in Drogheda. All the rest the remaining part of my little substance or fortune I will and bequeath to twenty in number of the poorest widows and housekeepers residenters of this parish of Loughanisland uper and lower part, which poor I nominate and declare my conjoint heirs to this my last will and testament, revoking by these presence all former will or wills, legacies or donations heretofore made or promised by me, begging and requesting my well-beloved friends, the Revd. Paul macCartan, of Saul, Mr. Hugh macCartan, of Saintfield, apothecary, and Mr. Patrick Savage, of Anadorn, land surveyor, whom I hereby constitute and appoint my joint and sole executors to this my last will and testament.

THEOPHILUS MACCARTAN. [Seal.]

Signed, sealed and declared to be my
last will and testament, this twenty sixth of
April 1777 seven :

John Fitzsimons.

Patrick Lynch.

Francis Montgomery.

In the name of God. Amen. I, Theophilus macCartan of the parish of Loughanisland & Diocess of Down, being, I thank God, in perfect senses and memory, and having made and properly signed before witnesses my last will, which will is in the possession of Revd. Paul macCartan of the parish of Saul, one of my Executors, which last will and testament I hereby ratifie and confirm except and still excepting the alterations or donations I hereafter make in this my Codicil to my said will before mentioned. first I will and order that if either or both of my grand nieces, Philice or Catherine Kelly, will behave scandalous or marry any base or inferior person without the consent of my executors, that both or either so behaving is to have forthy shilling only and the remainder I will to the person of the two who acts as directed by the Executors; if both will misbehave, after the forty shilling to each, the remainder of my appointment to them I will to 12 of the poorest widows and housekeepers of this parish of Loughanisland.

¹ The Convent of the Dominican Nuns in Drogheda.

zly. I will and order that when my Executors are desposing of my goods and Chattels, by publick cant, after my deces, I positively hender my Executors to give any part or article of my goods to Angelica Kelly otherwise Savage, without ready money, upon the account of any legacy left by me to her daughters; and if said daughters die before their mother, I will and order her forthy shillings, and not the sum specified in my will. lastly I order that, when all the Articles specified in this my will & Codicil are dully executed, if twenty pounds ster. will remain my Executors are to remit five pounds ster. of the same for the use of the Community of Deer Street in Drogheda. lastly I will and desire that when my last will and this Codicil are dully executed by the Revd. Paul mac Cartan and Hugh mac Cartan, of Saintfield, who I constitute executors to this my Codicil as well as to my last will and testament, I order and desire my executors to notifie said execution as dully made, and subject the same to the examination of [my] trusty and good friend, Mr. John Potter, of Down-patrick.

THEO. MACCARTAN, &c. [Seal.]

Signed, sealed and declared to be my Codicil and last will in conjunction with the will and testament above specified this 23 day of June 1778 eight, in presence of—before signing the words “of Loughanisland” and the words ‘I will’ interlined.

James Killen.

Hugh O'Donnell.

Endorsed :—“The within will and Codicil of Theop. Macartan, Decd., was proved in common form of Law on the 22 day of Decr. 1778, and the Execution granted to the Exrs. by the Revd. Jacob Hazlett Sur. of Down.”

DROMORE.

IX.

WILL OF DR. ANTHONY GARVEY, BISHOP OF DROMORE.

(From Wills of the Diocese of Dromore.)

[Dr. Garvey was appointed Bishop of Dromore, Sept., 1st, 1747, and died towards the end of 1766.]

In the name of God. Amen.¹

¹ The only portion of this will in the Bishop's handwriting is his signature.

i, the vndernamed, weak in body strong in spirit Doe order myself to be interd in my vote (vault ?) Deasently, & Doe order the following :

firs[t], iorder my worl[d]ly affairs about this house, cowes & horses, Grain and corn & potatoes, to be reserved and Laid up & all the houshold planishing, for Christy or Anthony Garvey untill they Deside it as they think proper.

item, ileave John Garvey my second best shute of Cloase ; & i order the said John Garvey not to enter medell with affairs about this hous or form (farm ?), and that very time he comits any misteymeaners that then he is to be turned out by the shoulder, and his trunk and bed alsoe.

ileave my cying (sitting ?) room & furniter to my sister upon condition that John Garvey is not to come into it. I leave her alsoe the two Kellys, frank ohear, Mickel Small, Dan woods & John Kielley (*sic*). I order Mrs. Gibbons my silver cup. I order fifty pounds str. for the two sons of Patt & Mary Marmon.

I order priest ryan my bridell, sadell & boots & hatt. iorder my watch to Betty Garvey and the bishop's cross. I order priest McKea my cotton britches, black ones, my housens & the English wigg to priest McKea and my hat to Mr. Meckea.

item, iorder Patt Marmon of Mor . . . with all my power to receive the tenants' rents for the use of Christy Garvey, and to give them receipts in the name of Christy Garvey.

I order all my books to be canted [at] the Month's Mind for Masses for my soul. This I order to be my last will & testament, this 22 August, 1766.

AN. GARVEY.

Witness present,
Patt Marmon.
John Ryan.

Endorsed :—" 1766. Anthony Garvey's last will and Testamt. Exhibited the 18th day of Decr. 1766."

X.

WILL OF DR. MATTHEW LENNAN, BISHOP OF DROMORE.
(From the Prerogative Wills.)

[Dr. Lennan, born in 1746, was appointed Bishop of Dromore, Decr. 20th, 1780, and died in the early part of the year 1801.]

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Matt Lennan, R. C. Bsp. being weak in body but of sound judgmt. and good memory do make this my last will & Testament, Viz.

1° I order that my body be Interred in the Chapel of Newry close to side wall or gable with a simple slate on ye side wall or gable descriptive of me and recommending me to the prayers of the faithfull.

2° I leave to my father, John Lennan £200, and to my brothr., Ber., I bequeath £100, to my three sisters, Elinr., Anne & Alice, I leave £100 each, and to the two Eldest daughters of my sister, Anne Ker, viz. Elinr. & Brigt. Ker, £100 each on their lawfull marriage. I leave also to Mat Morgan, John Morgan & Michl. Morgan, my nephews, £100, viz. £40 to Mat & Micl. in equal shares, and the other £60 to John Morgan; & whereas it must be well known that my property did arise from my appointmt. in the Church, I think it but just that I leave the better part thereof to Charitable and religious purposes viz. I bequeath £500 or what may be necessary to purchase 6 Governmt. debentures for the purpose of Establishing a daily Mass in the Chapel of Newry to be offered to the Almighty for the benefit of my soul in perpetuity. I leave £500 for the Erection of [a] Schoolhouse Contiguous to the Chapel viz. for the Education of the Children of the poor Cathlics. viz. £100 towards the building and remaining 400 or Interest thereof to go towards paying the Schoolmaster or Clothing or supporting the poor Children.

It was a great omission when I was dividing with my relatives to have so far forgotten my favourite niece Anne Cuiningham to whom I bequeath the sum of £500 payable to her when of Age or when Eligibly married; it's also my desire that she be sent at the age of 14 to Dorsett st. boarding School, Dublin, and there remain for two years for her Education, and that for some years previous the interest of her fortune or Certain part thereof should be saved to enable her to live decently in the boarding school. And in case the said Anne Cuningham, my Niece, should dy before she arrived at Age or before she was duly and lawfully married, then it is my will that her fortune reverts thus, viz. £300 to my three sisters, viz. Elinr., Anne & Alice, share and share alike, and the other £200 to her father, John Cuningham. I also leave the sum of £100 for the purpose of helping to build a decent Chapel for the Congregation of Crohill, not on Crohill but on some spot near the public road and more convenient to the people. My father's farm of which the lease is in [my] name I leave to my father. It is my desire that no part or share of the money I left my sisters or others should be ever given to Ber. Ker or Pat. Kerr to whom I leave 1s. & 1d. each. And though I have more as yet to bequeath, I here think proper to mention my Executors viz. Mrs. [*i.e.* Messrs.] Char. McCamly & James

Reilly & Marcus Devlin whom I appoint as the Executors of this my last will.¹ Of the remaining property which I have to dispose of, I will & bequeath to each of the three remaining daughters of my sister Anne Ker, viz. Alice, Anne & Rose Ker, the sum of £100 each in the same manner as I have done to their sisters. I also will and bequeath to my faithful and trusty maid servant, Susanna Murphy, the sum of twenty five pounds sterling, and to my servant, John Byrne, ten pounds ster.

To explain more fully and clearly my intention with regard to the bequest mentioned in the foregoing part of this [will] for the purpose of having a daily Mass offered in the chapel of Newry, my will is that six government debentures of £100 each, bearing int. at 5 per cent. be deposited for that purpose in the national Bank of Ireland, the interest to be paid to my executors for the purposes before mentioned; and on the death of these my executors, there shall be two of the most respectable Roman Catholic gentlemen of Newry nominated with authority to draw the interest of the same and dispose of it for the same purpose and so in perpetuum. These executors and those who shall succeed them as above to be always obliged to render an acct. and make good any deficiency that may appear on their part to the Bishop, my successor, and for the time being. In like manner the bequest mentioned for purpose of erecting the school house &c. near the chapel, my meaning is that £500 or as much more as may be necessary to purchase six govert. debentures of £100 each, bearing interest at 5 per cent. be given for the purposes there mentioned to be always at the disposal of the persons mentioned in the foregoing explanation, for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing part of my will, always subject to the same restrictions as the bequest for the daily Mass. My Vestments appertaining to the altar I bequeath to the chapel of Newry for the use of the parish. I also bequeath the sum of twenty pounds ster. to the poor of the Town and Parish of Newry. I also will and bequeath all my Books to the Revd. Arthur McArdle, the writer of this article.

Whatsoever shall remain after paying all my just debts and legacies, my funeral to be conducted according to the directions of my executors—all the remainder together with my interest in the house I now inhabit, with the furniture and other effects I will and bequeath to my Father,

¹ Down to this the will is Dr. Lennan's handwriting; the remainder was written by the Rev. Arthur McArdle, afterwards P.P. Aghaderg and V.G. of Dromore, who died April 30th, 1838, aged 70 years.

John Lennan. This I declare to be my will and Testament, and hereby do disavow all other Wills made before this time. In witness whereof I subscribe this twenty second of January 1801.

MATT LEN.¹

Signed, sealed and Executed in presence of us the day and year above mentioned :

Thos. Cupples.
Bernard Devlin.
Felix O'Neill.

Probate 13th April, 1801.

Endorsed :—The Original last will and Testament of Matt Lennon, R. C. Bishop late deceased. 1801.

KILMORE.

XI.

WILL OF DR. MICHAEL McDONOGH, BISHOP OF KILMORE.
(From the Prerogative Wills.)

[Dr. McDonogh, a Dominican, was consecrated Bishop of Kilmore, Dec. 12th, 1728, when he was only 29 years old. He died in Lisbon, Nov. 26th, 1746, and was buried there in the Church of the Irish Dominicans.]

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Michael Mac Donogh of Channelrow in Dublin being sick and weake of body : but in my perfect senses, thanks to God ; do institute and appoint this as my last will and testament.

1^o I bequeath my soul unto God who gave it : earnestly begging all those who see this or any other instrument of mine to implore his mercy for me : and my body to the earth to be inter'd in the church of Munterconachty after the humble manner particularly & separatly from this will recommended to my executors hereafter to be mentioned.

2^o I leave and bequeath to my dear father [*blank*] MacDonogh three pounds sterling : & to my dear mother three pounds sterg. :

¹ The testator being evidently in a dying state was unable to complete his signature.

ite. to my five sisters five shillings each : ite. to my two brothers five shillings each.

3^o I leave and bequeath all and everything in my room in Channell-row ¹ to the use of the Ladys ² of said Channel-row at Mrss. Mary Daly's discretion and distribution : except my books wch I order to be valued, & dispos'd of according to the separate direction given to my executors for that purpose.

4^o I leave and bequeath the Pontificals now at Cavan to my successor in Kilmore ; ite. my books a suit of vestiments and a 2 year old filly to Mr. Patrick Masterson of Cavan wth the injunction led on him in my separate direction.

5^o I leave and bequeath to Dr. Brett ³ my mitre, gloves, sandalia and stockins now in my room.

6^o I leave and bequeath my cane to Dr. Killkelly.⁴

7^o I leave my bodily apparel to Mrss. Mary Daylie's disposal.

8^o I leave and bequeath my 2 saddles, portmantua, boots, &c., to Mrss. Mary Daylie's disposal, ite. my whip and spurs to the same use.

9^o I order that if after my lawfull debts are paid (wch ought & is my first charge) if anything remains, it shall be distributed to the poores[t] objects as my executors will judge.

Lastly I institute and appoint Mes. Dr. Egan ⁵ of Channelrow, Eugene Bartly & Patrick Masterson, executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I sign my name this 12th day of Sepr. 1746.

B. MICH : MAC DONOGH [Seal.]

Patrick Masterson one of the executors named in the within will was sworn to his belief of the truth of the said will and to the due execution thereof and so forth this 28th day of March, 1748. Before us,
PHIL. TISDALL.

¹ Now North Brunswick Street. Here the Dominican Nuns settled down in 1717, and for many years after their convent appears to have been used as a place of refuge in stress of persecution or ill-health, by the Dominican Bishops throughout Ireland.

² That is, the Dominican nuns of Channel-Row Convent.

³ Then Bishop (Dominican) of Killala, and subsequently of Elphin. He died in 1756.

⁴ Then Bishop (Dominican) of Kilmacduach. He died "octogenarius & supra" May 29th, 1783—(*Memorials of the Dead*, 1898, p. 58).

⁵ Then Bishop (Dominican) of Meath, who died in Dublin, May 30th, 1756, aged 75 years.

Endorsement on back :—" For Mrs. Mary Daly to be kept unopen'd till Dr. Mac Donogh's return : or necessity in my presence.

PATT. MASTERSON."

Another endorsement on back :—" The original lastwill and testament of Michael McDonogh late of the city of Dublin deceased 1748."

XII.

WILL OF DR. LAURENCE RICHARDSON, BISHOP OF KILMORE.

(From the Prerogative Wills.)

[Dr. Richardson, a Dominican, was appointed Bishop of Kilmore Feb. 6th, 1747, and died in Dublin, January 29th, 1753, aged 52 years. He is buried with the Dominicans in the cemetery of St. James's, Dublin.]

In the name of the Almighty God. Amen.

I, Laurence Richardson of the city of Dublin, gent., being, I thank God, sound of mind, but not of body, do make this my last will & testament to prevent any injustice or disturbance in my little affairs after my decease. Imprim. I bequeath my soul to God thro' whose infinite mercy & precious Blood I hope for salvation : & my Body to the earth to be buried in the most private manner at twelve o'clock at night & with as little Expence as possible. I order all my true debts to be first payed a list of which I have for that purpose communicated to Mr. Laurence Ford who will take the trouble to discharge this trust as I hope & believe. I bequeath to Richard Reddy, Esq., fourscore pounds. I bequeath to my execrs. herein after named sixty pounds to be employed in putting six young persons apprentices to such business as they may live by—four of the county Cavan to be pitched upon by Mr. Patrick Masterson of Cavan, Mr. Anthony Smith of Larah, & Mr. John McCormick of Bailyborough ; & two of the County Leitrim to be pitched upon by Mr. Charles Clancy of Dartree & Mr. James Martin of Templeport. I order all my effects of what kind soever to be sold by auction for the payment of debts & legacys except my grey mare & dun Horse which I bequeath to Mr. Pat. Masterson of Cavan, [and] the suit of cloathe I now wear, viz. the blue coat & black waistcoat & Breeches wth my shoes, stockins & [one word illegible] shirts which I bequeath to my servant Arthur Rogers along wth five pounds. I desire my exrs. may entrust Mr. Laurence Ford wth whatever part of

my effects is not here specially bequeathed that he may dispose thereof according to my directions. I constitute Anthony Ryan of the city of Dublin, gentleman & Professor of Midwifery & Mrs. Mary O'Brien of this House ¹ my executors. In witness whereof I have put my hand & seal this 30th day of November, 1752.

LAURENCE RICHARDSON. [Seal.]

It. I bequeath to Mrs. Mary O'Brien twelve pounds & to Mr. Anthony Ryan ten pounds. To Mr. Laurence Ford my gold watch, chain & seals. Jan 28, 1753.

LAURENCE RICHARDSON.

Endorsed :—"The Original Last Will & Testament of Laurence Richardson, late of the city of Dublin, gent. deced. 1753."

XIII.

WILL OF DR. ANDREW CAMPBELL, BISHOP OF KILMORE.

(From the Prerogative Wills.)

[Dr. Campbell was appointed Bishop of Kilmore, April 3rd, 1753. He died towards the end of 1769. His successor in Kilmore, Dr. Denis Maguire, was translated thither from Dromore, on the 20th March, 1770.]

In the name of God. Amen. I, Andrew Campbell of Claristown in the Parish of Dunany and County of Louth, gentleman, do make this my last will ² and Testament in manner and form following. first I confirm and ratifie, in as much as [in] me lieth, my father's last will and Testament, that is to say : I order and bequeath to Patrick Lawless and Margaret Lawless alias Campbell his wife half the lands as ordered

¹ That is, the Convent of the Dominican Nuns in Channel-Row.

² There is nothing whatever in this will to show that the testator is identical with Dr. Campbell, bishop of Kilmore. The identity, however, is proved from the following extract from Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1862, where the author treats of the Byrne family of 'Allardstown, Co. Louth, and Corville, Co. Tipperary :—"Owen Byrne, of Rossmakea, [Co. Louth], b. 1739 ; m. 16 Nov. 1773, Anne, dau. of Patrick Lawless, Esq., of Clarestown, and niece of Andrew Campbell, D.D., Bishop of Kilmore." (—p. 195).

in my Father's will. Item I order and bequeath to Andrew Magrane, my nephew, the other half of the lands, corn and chatles, as ordered in the said my ffather's will, on condition, however, that if said Andrew Magrane wo'd die without lawfull issue he shall not leave or bequeath anything whatsoever to his brother, Nicholas Magrane, as, in such a case I order and bequeath said lands, corn, and chatles to his mother Margaret Magrane alias Campbell, and her children except the above mentioned Nicholas Magrane. Item I order and bequeath to said Andrew Magrane fifty pounds sterl. of my ffather's money besides the other Legacys above, and hereafter mentioned. Item I order to Rose Hullin, my aunt, five pounds sterl. in case she survives me. Item I order five pounds sterl. to be distributed by Mr. Philip Levins¹ of Atherdie amongst the poor and most indigent Roman Catholicks of the parish of Dunany and Port. Item it is my will that in case I w'od die possessed of more money got by my ffather's will and effects than is above mentioned and bequeathed, then and in such a case the same must be equally divided amon[g]st Andrew Magrane my nephew, Ann Lawless, and Margaret Lawless, my nieces, and my sister Margaret Magrane alias Campbell and her children except her son Nicholas Magrane, whom I exclude from this and every other legacy; and provided always that John Magrane her husband shall have no power to dispose of this or any other legacy I leave her or her children. finally it is my will that Ann and Margaret Lawless, my nieces, shall get the marriage portion, provided they are not married till after my death, ordered to them in my ffather's will, besides their proportion of this last legacy. And I name and appoint the above mentioned Mr. Philip Levins of Atherdee, Patrick Lawless my half brother, and Andrew Magrane my nephew executors of this my last will and Testament. in witness whereof I put my hand and seal this 30th day of September 1769 nine.

ANDREW CAMPBELL.²

Thomas Campbell of Draghanstown in the county of Louth, gentn., came before us, and made oath, on the Holy Evangelists, that he was well acquainted with the character and manner of handwriting of

¹ Rev. Dr. Philip Levins, P.P., Ardee, and Treasurer of the Chapter of Armagh, in 1761, was still P.P. Ardee in 1779, and appears as Dean of Armagh, Sept. 5th, 1781.—(*Spicil. Oss.*, iii 394).

² There are some traces of an × cross before the name; tho' whether a cross was intended or not cannot be determined with certainty.

Andrew Campbell, late of Claristown, in the County of Lowth, gentleman, deceased, Deponent having often seen him write. And Deponent saith that the whole of the within writing, being the last will and testament of the said Andrew Campbell, Deceased, Beginning 'In the name of God. Amen,' and ending 'This 30th day of September, 1769 nine,' is all of the proper handwriting of the said Andrew Campbell deceased. And that the name 'Andrew Cample' (*sic*), signed at the foot of the said will is the proper handwriting of the said Andrew Campbell deceased, as Deponent verily believes.

Sworn the 20th day of December, 1769.

Thomas Campbell.

Before us

PHIL. TISDALL.

Philip Levins, one of the Executors named in the above will was sworn as well to his belief of the truth of the said will as to the due execution thereof the 20th day of Decr. 1769. Before us.

PHIL. TISDALL.

Will proved & probate as above 23d December, 1769.

Endorsed :—The original last will of Andrew Campbell late of Claristown, in the County of Lowth, gent., deced. 1769.

XIV.

WILL OF DR. DENIS MAGUIRE, BISHOP OF KILMORE.

(From Wills of the Diocese of Clogher.)

[Dr. Maguire, a Franciscan, was appointed Bishop of Dromore, February 10th, 1767, and was translated to Kilmore, March 20th, 1770. He died December 23rd, 1798, aged 77 years, and is buried with his relatives in Devenish, Co. Fermanagh.]

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In the Name of God. Amen.

Being perfectly sound in mind, and tolerably well in body, to guard against a surprise, death being certain and the hour unknown, I make this my last will and testament, and dispose of all my worldly substance in the following manner.

I order my body to be interred in Devenish along with those of my brothers Bryan and James ; and I order that a decent tombstone,

not a very expensive one, be placed over me, and that moderate expense be made at my funeral. No spirituous liquor. N.B.

2 I bequeath to my Nephew, Denis, Philip's son. one hundred pounds of the money deposited in Philip's hands ; and I likewise leave him one half of the profit rent arising from Mr. James Caldwell's lease of the tenements in town and chapel-park. Note that I am joint leasee in said holding.

3 In case Philip's wife should survive him I leave her six pounds yearly during her natural life, of one hundred pounds in Mr. Jason Hassard's hands in perpetuity ; but if she dies before Philip, said six pounds to be the property of my niece Ann, during her life, and, after her death, to my niece Alice Quinlan, and after her demise to young Denis, my grand-nephew. I mean Alice's son.

4 I leave six pounds yearly, the interest of one hundred pounds in the hands of Mr. Jason Hassard in perpetuity to my brother John during his natural life ; and after his death to my niece Mary Machugh otherwise Maguire for two years ; and after the expiration of said term, said six pounds to be divided between Bryan Maguire, my nephew, and my grand-nephew, Andy's son ; I mean Andy's son, *John*.

5 Should my dear nephew Captain Denis come to the country soon after my demise, I leave him my horses, saddles, &c.

6 I leave all my books, Latin, french and English, in charge of my nephew, Denis, as it may happen that some of my Relatives may get a call to the Church. I desire the lives of the Saints by Alban Butler be always preserved in the family.

Should Mr. Hassard chuse at any period to return the two hundred pounds, I order said money to be equally devided amongst the Descendants male and female (I mean immediate Descendants) of my Brothers Bryan and Philip, excluding at the same time Bryan's two sons Hugh and Oliver, and Tery, Philip's son, from any dividend of said money. This is for the present my will ; And for executors to it, I nominate and appoint my brother Philip and my nephew, Denis, his son. Written under my hand this twentyeth day of May 1798.

DENIS MAGUIRE,

R. C. Bp. of Kilmore.

I order my three mohogony tables, six mohogony chairs and the large pier (?) glass, my property, to be sold by auction and the price given to the poor of the parish of Killasser.¹

DENIS MAGUIRE.

¹ Killasser, now Killesher, a parish in the Diocese of Kilmore.

1799, January 3d, on which day Philip Maguire and Denis Maguire, Executors named in the foregoing will, made oath as well to his (*sic*) belief of the truth thereof as also duly to execute the same.

Endorsed :—Will : Denis Maguire, R. C. Bp. of Kilmore, Dat. 20th May, 1798. Pro. 3d. Jany. 1799.

XV.

WILL OF DR. CHARLES REILLY, BISHOP OF KILMORE.

(From Wills of the Diocese of Kilmore.)

[Dr. Reilly was appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Kilmore, May 17th, 1793, succeeded to the See Dec. 23rd, 1798, and died March 6th, 1800.]

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Charles Reilly, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kilmore, now residing in Cootehill in the parish of Drumgoon & county of Cavan, being weak in body but of sound memory & judgment, do make this my last will & testament, hereby revoking & annulling any will or testament that I might have made at any other time.

1^o I order my body to be decently interr'd in the churchyard of the parish of Kilsherdenny in the grave wherein repose the remains of the Revd. Bryan Reilly commonly known by the name of Bryan McFarrel.

2d I order a decent tombstone to be placed over me with my coat of arms engrav'd on it & a suitable inscripition ; said tombstone to be rais'd from the ground about three feet with solid mason work.' I likewise order that the tombstone of Miss Reilly formerly of Drumgoon be rais'd in the same manner.

3tio I order all my lawful debts & funeral expences to be immediately discharg'd.

4to I bequeath to the children of my father Owen Reilly by Abigail Davis, to wit, to John, to Thomas, to Philip, to Owen, to Elizabeth Reilly's the sum of five shillings & five pence each.

5^o I bequeath to the poor of the parish of Drumgoon twenty pounds sterl.

6to I bequeath to my uncle Bryan Brady of Cornebehy five pds. & five pounds to my aunt Anne Monaghan alias Brady.

7mo I bequeath to my nephew Charles Reilly son to Farrel Reilly

forty pounds sterling with my Pinchback watch, shirts & wearing apparel. To my niece Margaret Reilly daughter to sd Farrel Reilly I bequeath twenty pounds sterl. & to my niece Anne Reilly daughter likewise to sd Farrel Reilly twenty pounds sterl., to my niece Elizabeth Reilly daughter to sd Farrel five pounds sterl.

The residue or remainder of my worldly substance I bequeath to my well beloved sister now living in Carrigallen in the county of Leitrim & to her children. Said residue or remainder to be equally divided between my said sister Margaret Brady *alias* Reilly & her children.

I nominate constitute & appoint the Revd. Chas. MacKiernan, parish priest of Kilsherdenny & my sd sister Margaret Brady *alias* Reilly executors to this my last will & testament. Written entirely by me the above-mentioned Charles Reilly, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kilmore & signed this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred.

CHARLES REILLY.

present
Charles Mackieran.
Luke Masterson.
Peter Reilly.

The above Margret Brady *alias* Reilly one of the executors herein named was sworn truly to administer the same the 18th of March 1800 before me.

JAMES COTTINGHAM, V.G.

Endorsement :—" Rev. Charles Reilly's will, Proved 18th March 1800."

RAPHOE.

XVI.

WILL OF DR. ANTHONY COYLE, BISHOP OF RAPHOE.

(From Wills of the Diocese of Raphoe.)

[Dr. Coyle, born in 1728, was appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Raphoe, April 21st, 1777, and died January 21st, 1801.]

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Anthony Coyle, R. Catholic Bishop of Raphoe, sick in body tho'

sound in understanding and recollection, after recommending my soul to God through the infinite merits of Jesus Christ and the intercession of the ever blessed Queen of Heaven do make this my last will and testament.

All my household furniture, together with two cows no (*sic*) in my actual possession to be disposed of by public auction for ready money, one cream ewer, one table spoon with the teaspoons that are in being, [and] one silver mounted cocoanut excepted, which I bequeath to Margaret Callaghan my cousin. My books to be valued by two priests and given for Masses to be said for my intention, according to their value. My gold watch I leave to the Revd. Anthony Coyle together with my chalice and vestments, &c. I allow that my cousin Margaret Callaghan's cow and calf may be furthered out of this place, the hay if any remains to be sold. I desire that there shall not a nail be drawn from any fixture in [the] body of the house. Margaret Callaghan's bed is her own property; and let her carry off her cloaths press, chest and boxes, with the small new table, two chairs and one of the mahogany little tables, a copper pan, her tea things, plates and dishes, one small pot, and let no man molest her. And all the money to be made of those goods and chattles to be received immediately by Owen Collins, gentleman farmer, and Andrew Fullerton of Letterkenny, and given to [the] poor at the will and option of the Revd. John McElroy and Rev. Hugh Kerigan, without distinction of people or persons, except their necessity. In witness whereof, given under my hand this 3d day of January 1801.

Witness present
Hugh Kerigan.
John McElwee.

A. COYLE.

The within last will . . . was proved . . . and the execution thereof committed to Owen Collins and Andrew Fullerton . . . they having personally appeared before us and first duly sworn this 26th day of March 1801. Before me,

ALEX. BULL, S.

Endorsements :—(a) “The last Testament of the Right Revd.. Doctor Coyle of Ballymacoole ” ; and (b) “ 1801. Conwall. Rt. Revd.. Anthy. Coyle titular Bishop of Raphoe his will.”

APPENDIX I.

The following letter, which throws so much light on the history and family connections of the Primate, Dr. Anthony Blake, as well as on the family connections of Dr. Walter Blake, Bishop of Achonry (1739-58), is so interesting as to be entitled to insertion here :—

10 OLD SQUARE,
LINCOLN'S INN,
LONDON, W.C.
5th December, 1911.

DEAR FATHER CARRIGAN,

Your letter of 1st Dec. was forwarded from Heath House to me in London here, where I reside the greater part of the year.

I am very glad to be able to give you the information you ask for, concerning the two Irish Catholic Prelates—Dr. Anthony Blake, the Primate, and Dr. Walter Blake, Bishop of Achonry.

DR. ANTHONY BLAKE, ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH, THE PRIMATE.

The Primate was a member of a *cadet* branch of the family of Blake, of Dunmacrina, Co. Mayo. He was a younger son of Patrick Blake, of Kilvine, Co. Mayo, who was a younger son of Andrew Blake, of Dunmacrina.

I do not know who was the Primate's mother, nor who was his (paternal) grandmother.

The Primate had an elder brother, Walter Blake (fitzPatrick). This Walter Blake first resided in the town of Galway, but about 1759 he got a lease of a place called Carrowbrowne, a few miles to the N.E. of the town of Galway, which place had belonged to Geoffrey Browne of Castlemacgarret, Co. Mayo (grandson of the Geoffrey Browne, of Galway, who was sent as an Envoy by the Confederate Catholics to the Duke of Lorraine in 1650). This Walter Blake (of Galway and Carrowbrowne) was twice married. By his 1st wife (whose name I have not ascertained, but whom I surmise to have been a Miss Bodkin, of Kilcloony, Co. Galway) he had issue two daughters only, namely (1) Ann Blake; (2) Mary Blake. Walter Blake, of Carrowbrowne, died in October 1776. His elder daughter, Ann Blake, married, in 1741, Maurice Blake, of Clooneen, Co. Mayo. The original marriage Articles, dated 25 February 1741, executed on their marriage, are now in my possession.

The Primate (Dr. Anthony Blake) was, therefore, only *uncle-in-law* of Maurice Blake, of Clooneen ; but the Primate (in his will) describes Maurice Blake, of Clooneen, as his nephew, because he was married to the Primate's niece, Ann Blake, elder daughter of the Primate's brother, Walter Blake, of Carrowbrowne.

Maurice Blake, of Clooneen, by his wife, Ann Blake, had issue an eldest son, Isidore Blake, of Towerhill, Co. Mayo, who was certainly grand-nephew of the Primate. That Isidore Blake, of Towerhill, was the great-grandfather of the present (1911) Colonel Maurice J. Blake, of Tower-hill, and of Charles J. Blake, of Heath House, Queen's Co., and of others, including myself.

The 2nd daughter of Walter Blake (of Carrowbrowne), the Primate's brother, was Mary Blake, who married Patrick Kirwan (fitzThomas) ; and by him (who died in 1754) she had issue two sons and two daughters, namely :—

- (1) The Revd. Walter Blake Kirwan, first a Catholic Priest, who conformed Protestant, and had a high reputation as an eloquent preacher in the Established Church. He was appointed Protestant Dean of Killala, in 1800, and died in 1805, having married and leaving issue.
- (2) The Revd. Patrick Kirwan, a Catholic Priest.
 - (i) Anstas Kirwan.
 - (ii) Mary Kirwan.

Mrs. Mary Kirwan, alias Blake, was, of course, a niece of Primate Blake. She resided with the Primate at Carrowbrowne, for many years, survived him, and was the executrix of his will.

Primate Blake, as I dare say you know, was Catholic Warden of the "Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, Galway," from 1750 to 1756, when he was appointed Bishop of Ardagh, and was translated to Armagh, as Primate, in 1758. I believe he was nominated or recommended to the Pope for each of these Sees by the Stuart Court at St. Germain's, which, in the 18th century exercised the prerogative of nominations for the Episcopal dignities in Ireland. Primate Blake, towards the end of his career, got into trouble with the ecclesiastical authorities at Rome, because he would not reside in his diocese of Armagh. There is still current a tradition about him in Galway, that he had a wonderfully hardy cob which he used to ride all the way from Carrowbrowne to Armagh, and in going the rounds on his visitations there.

My ancestor, Maurice Blake, of Clooneen (who married the Primate's niece, Ann Blake) was in the habit of spending the winter months at

Bath for many years before his death. I have in my possession the original of a letter written by him, from Bath, to his eldest son, Isidore Blake of Towerhill, dated January 22nd 1777. I send you an extract from it, as it mentions the recent death of his wife's father, Walter Blake, and also alludes to the Primate; it is also interesting in other respects:—

BATH, January 22nd, 1777.

“We are thank G. in ye same, not worse; your mother thin, but otherwise well. Shee dont know of her father's death; give me every accounte from Carrowbrowne, and the Primate, and how they all are there, and every where aboute them, to whom my best compliments.

Every poste one should think I am begining ye world! I wish to finish ye remainder of my time better than I did. There is no doubt was I to pass ye same time I did there wld. be a most wonderful fortune added. If God has a hand in us, 'tis verry well. I hope ye same God will protect & give my descendants grace to be good & avoid every temptation of ye world yt may arise to hurt their soules.

My blessing & love with yr mother's uncl Anthony.

I am, my dear Isi.

Yours whilst

MAURICE BLAKE.”

DR. WALTER BLAKE, BISHOP OF ACHONRY (1739-58).

He is identical with the Walter Blake, of Ballinafad, Co. Mayo, whose will, dated 28 April, 1758, was proved in the Prerogative Court, Dublin, on 3rd June, 1758.

As you are, doubtless, aware, Catholic clergymen—priests or Bishops—while the Penal Laws were in force, did not dare to describe themselves as such, in their wills, lest they should bring trouble and misfortune upon their relatives.

This Dr. Walter Blake was the son—and, I believe, the eldest son—of Maurice Blake, of Ballinafad, Co. Mayo, by his wife, Anstace Darcy, 2nd daughter of John Darcy of Kinlogh and Gorteen, Co. Mayo.

In an exceeding rare little book entitled “The Genealogy of the Darcies of Clonuan, Co. Clare, and Kiltolla, Co. Galway,” by the Revd. John Darcy Burke, D.D., first printed in 1752, and reprinted in 1796

by Joseph Hill, 51 Abbey Street, Dublin, there is contained (at p. 33) the following statement :

“Anastase Darcy, 2nd daughter of John Darcy, of Gorteen, married Maurice Blake, of Ballinacfad, Co. Mayo, whose son Walter (Blake) is *now* (*i.e.* 1752) Bishop of Achonry.”

That statement, being a contemporaneous one, I consider to be quite conclusive as to the identity of Dr. Walter Blake, Bishop of Achonry.

The book or pamphlet, referred to above, is very hard to get. There is no copy of it in the British Museum Library or (I believe) in the National Library, Dublin. I was lent a copy of it some years ago by the present Lord Oranmore, and made some extracts from it.

Maurice Blake of Ballinacfad, by his wife, Anstase Darcy, had issue three sons and three daughters, namely :

- 1 Walter Blake, of Ballinacfad, Bishop of Achonry, 1739 to 1758.
- 2 Mark Blake, of Ballinacfad, from whom is descended (4th in lineal descent) Colonel Llewellyn Blake, Papal Count, of Cloghballymore, Co. Galway, now (1911) living. Some years ago Count Blake generously presented his house of Ballinacfad and an estate of £2,000 a year to a Religious Order which provides priests for Foreign Missions.
- 3 John Blake.
 - i Mary Blake, who married Isidore Blake of Clooneen, Co. Mayo, and had issue three sons and three daughters, namely :
 - (1) Maurice Blake, of Clooneen [who married Ann Blake, niece of Primate Anthony Blake], already mentioned.
 - (2) Patrick Blake.
 - (3) John Blake, of Arran Quay, Dublin.
 - (i) Catherine (Catto) Blake, married Frank Lynch.
 - (ii) Anstas (Nancy) Blake, died unmarried.
 - (iii) Bridget Blake died unmarried.
 - ii Anstase Blake, married Joseph Lynch, of Cloonlaghen, Co. Mayo.
 - iii Margaret Blake, married — Carroll.

You will therefore see that Dr. Walter Blake, Bishop of Achonry, was certainly uncle of Maurice Blake of Clooneen (already mentioned) because Dr. Walter Blake's sister Mary Blake married Isidore Blake, of Clooneen, the father of said Maurice Blake. That Isidore Blake, of Clooneen, died in the town of Galway, in April 1763. His eldest son, Maurice Blake, of Clooneen, died at Bath, on 17 January, 1789, and his will was proved P. C. Dublin, 25 June, 1790.

It may, perhaps, also interest you to know, that a first cousin of Dr. Walter Blake, Bishop of Achonry, namely, John Blake (of Knockmore, Co. Mayo) was a Dominican Friar of the Abbey of Strade, Co. Mayo, and at the time of his decease in 1786-7 was titular Prior of the Dominican Abbey of Rathfran, Barony of Tyrawley, and County Mayo.

I have now given you all I know about the two Blake prelates and their relatives, and must apologize for the length of this communication. I made a special study of the various Blake Genealogies, when compiling my book "Blake Family Records," Vol. I. (1300-1600) and Vol. II. (1600-1700), published in 1902 and 1905 respectively: but there are some errors in the genealogy of the family of Blake of Ballinafad, which I have only discovered since the publication, in 1905, of Vol. II. of the Blake family Records. I believe the account I have given you in this letter of that family is accurate.

Sincerely yours,

MARTIN I. BLAKE.

APPENDIX II.

A Document purporting to be the WILL OF DR. PATRICK DUFFY, BISHOP OF CLOGHER, and admitted to Probate, Sept. 1st 1675; but afterwards pronounced to be a Forgery, on the 4th of June, 1688.

(From the Prerogative Wills.)

[Dr. Duffy, a Franciscan, and nephew of Bishop Heber MacMahon, was appointed Bishop of Clogher, May 12th, 1671, and died in the Summer of 1675. "A Spanish gentleman, named Nicolo Paulez, residing in Madrid, bound himself by duly attested writings to give Duffy an annual pension of 1,000 scudi during his life, as soon as the Pope would give him a mitre."—(Brady's *Episcopal Succession*, Vol. I. p. 257.)]

I, Mr. Patrick Duffy of Aghnamolen, laud and praise be to Almighty God, my maker & Redeemer, being sicke of body, yett of perfect senses, memory and vnderstandinge, doe bequeate my soule vnto ye Almighty, and my body to be interred in ye parish church of Clunetibrid, and my goodes to be disposed in maner and order specified in this my last will and testament.

Inp's. I will, and my will is yt my trusty and welbeloued coozen Mr. Patricke Duffy of Purtsnaue gent. shall be lawfull and absolute

executor and administrator of all my goods both moueable and vnmoueable within ye kingdomes of England, Ireland, Spaine, and ffrance, and specially of ye lease vppon ye Landes of Cooly giuen vnto me by Mr. Bryan Duffy of Momony, gent., and Mr. Patr. Callan of Tideny, gent. likewise, and of all ye profittes, dutyes, and emoluments whatsoever raising or growing due vnto me vppon ye sd Lands by vertue of ye sd Lease, and also of ye thirty pounds assigned by ye sd Mr. Bryan Duffy and Mr. Patrick Callan to be paide yearly vnto me or my executors by Mr. George Bleeke and Mr. Bryan Murphy, and likewise ye two hundred pounds assigned vnto me by ye above said Bryan Duffy & Patr. Callan vppon ye aforesd. George Bleeke and Bryan Murphy.

2ly. My coozen Patr. Duffy is to receive what money soeuer is due vnto me vppon Mr. Thomas Godard merchant of London by vertue of ye papers directed vnto him by Mr. Pauli of Madrid in my behalfe, and ye foure score and ten pounds ster. giuen by me vnto Mr. Reide of Barbados in ye yeare 1664, and alsoe ye foure greate wooden chestes kept in ye custody of Mr. William Kelly an Irish merchant of Bilbo, of which chests three are full of books and ye fourth containing three casketts, two of wch is of huan wood replenished with shirtes, sheetes, and napkins of Holand linnen, and six payres of black silke stockens, a studying gowne of blacke spanish cloath, and a morning silken gowne, the third of cedar containing househould stuffe, all wch father Anthony O'Moloy and Mr. Pauli of Madrid will testify; likewise ye four score and two pounds ster. lent by me vnto my coozen Mr. Bryan Duffy of Momony, as also ye two trunks, and all therein contained, kept by Mr. Robert Richardson in Drogheda, together wth whatsoever of my goods or money is also kept by Mr. Thomas Hackett, merchant, in Dublin, with ye goulden Crosse and goulden rings wth Mrs. Denis, and ye black shute of Spanish cloath, wth ye cloake of camell, and a payre of blacke silk stockens, wth a payre of shooes left wth Mr. John Renalds.

3ly. I doe hereby binde & my last will is yt my coozen Patr. Duffy shall faithfully giue, and equally distribute vnto my naturall brother Owen O'Duffy ye one halfe of all ye wthin debtes, profittes, dutyes, and emoluments remaining after due paymt. of ye sumes hereafter mentioned, and ye charges accordingly disbursed.

4ly. Therefore my will is yt ye sd Patr. Duffy shall pay vnto ye poore of ye county of Monaghan ten poundes, vnto ye poore of ye county of ffermanagh fiue poundes, vnto ye poore of ye county of Cauan fiue poundes, vnto ye poore of ye county of A[r]dmagh fiue

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poundes, vnto my secretary Philipp Biggan ¹ seauen poundes, vnto my man Henry Cassidy fue poundes, vnto Patr. MaClane three poundes, vnto Mr. Pendergras, apothecary of Dublin, foure and thirty shill and four pence, vnto Mr. John Renalds fue pounds, vnto Collonell Bryan McMahon my horses furniture fue payres of Holand sleeues, fue payers of Holand linnen cufes and fue broad bands ; vnto Capt. John fforster my syluer watch and sundyall ; vnto Doctor Henry Cassidy ye matter of a shute of spanish cloath ; vnto Rory Cassidy, chirurgian, three poundes.

5ly. My will is yt Patr. Duffy shall accomplish and performe vnto Murtagh Magenis Esqre. all promises and couenants agreed & concluded vppon between me & him about ye profittes of ye lease of Cooly, conditionally yt ye sd Murtagh vppon demand shall pay his proportionable share of ye two hundred pounds disbursed by me att ye getting of ye said lease, ouer and aboue ye two hundred pounds giuen by me vnto ye Earle of Carlingford.

6ly. My will is yt my coozen Patr. Duffy shall aske, sue and demand after my death all debts by bills, bands, or any contract, or promises in any way appertaininge vnto me, and ye same to dispose of according [to] his owne discretion and iudgmt.

ffinally I will, and my last will is, yt all wills, and testaments heretofore made and signed by me shall be hereafter disannulled, irritated a[n]d vneffectuall after ye date hereof. In witness whereof I doe herevnto sett my hand and seale ye 10th of June, 1675.

PATT. DUFFY. [Seal.]

Witnesses being present :

Hugh Duffy.

Henry Cassidy.

Phius. Bigganus Secrius.

Patricius oduffy executor nominatus in suprascripto testamento et Eugenius oduffy frater naturalis defuncti in dicto testamento nominatus jurati fuerunt tam de veritate quam de debita execucione dicti testamenti coram me, primo die Septembris anno Dni. 1675.

DUD. LOFTUS.

¹ Father Philip Biggan was P.P. Mucknow, Co. Monaghan, in 1704 ; he was then 61 years of age, and a priest since 1666. During the legal proceedings in connection with the above will, in 1688, he deposed on oath that he had not attached his signature thereto. Henry Cassidy, whose name also appears as a witness, made oath, on his own part to the same effect. The will is very well written, the forger imitating throughout the beautiful handwriting of Father Biggin.

Administratio bonorum &c. cum testamento annexo Patricii Duffy nuper de Aghnamolen in Comitatu Monaghan, clerici defuncti, habentis &c., concessa fuit et est per Reverendissimum in Christo patrem ac dominum dominum Jacobum Armachanum &c. necnon judicem &c. Patricio Duffy de purtsnaue in Comitatu Monaghan, et Eugenio Duffy de Rooe in Comitatu predicto, proximis consanguineis dicti defuncti, prius ad sancta dei Evangelia personaliter juratis, salvo jure &c. Datum primo die mensis Septembris Anno Domini, 1675.

Endorsed :—" Testamentum Patricii Duffy nuper de Aghnamolen in clici defuncti. 1675."

APPENDIX III.

WILL OF MILER MAGRATH.

(From the Prerogative Wills.)

[Miler Magrath, "that wicked Milerus" of the State Papers, was a Franciscan friar, and was promoted by the Holy See to the episcopate of Down and Connor, Oct. 12th, 1565. Conforming to Protestantism soon after he was appointed by Queen Elizabeth Protestant Bishop of Clogher in 1570, and Protestant Archbishop of Cashel in 1571. He survived his appointment to Down and Connor more than fifty-seven years, and died in December, 1622, at the age, it is said, of 100 years.]

Memorand. that the viiith of November Ao. dni. 1622 Milerus Magrath late lord Archbushop of Casshell, at Casshell aforesaid, being sick of body yett of p'fect memorie & vnderstanding made that his last will & nuncupative testament in maner & fourme following.

Inprimis he bequeathed his sovl to God & wyshed his body to be buried in the cathedrall church of Casshell.

Itm he left & bequeathed vnto his son Redmond Magrath all such svmes of monie, areres of rent & debts whatsoever due vnto him the sayed Milerus, by bill, bond or any other maner of obligacon, action or cause.

Itm he made, constituted & appointed the sayed Redmond Magrath his sole executor of that his last will & nuncupative testament.

Itm he wished all such pledges as lay vppon his hands of the goods

of any of his chyldren for money lent unto them or any of them to be gratis restored unto his sayed chyldren respectively from whom the sayed pledges were for any such lended money received.

Itm he left & bequeathed all other his goods & chattles reall & personall vnto his sayed son Redmond to be by him devided in his discretion beetwen himself the sayed Redmond & the rest of the sayed testators chyldren.

The aforesayed last will & nuncupative testament, the day, yeare & place aforesayed in maner & fourm before exp'ssed was made & declared by the sayed Milerus before Willm Incroigh, James O'Duwyr, William Magrath & Rory Magrath.

Endorsed :—Proved by Redmond Magrath the execr. June 16th 1624.