Deed of Gift (Will) of Joseph Exum (Senior) to Joseph Exum (Junior) – April 1759

***** to whom this present writing shall come, I Joseph Exum (Sr) of Northampton County send greetings – know ye that I the said Joseph Exum (Sr) as well offer and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have and do bear unto by well beloved son Joseph Exum (Jr) as for divers other good causes and considerations me hereunto moving have given granted and by these presents do fully clearly and absolutely give grant and confirm unto the said Joseph Exum (Jr) all and singular such goods and chattels implements of household and commodities whatsoever as are contained and specified in the schedule hereunto annexed – one tract of land whereon he now lives containing four hundred and fifty acres more or less, one Negro boy named Sunow, one Negro boy named London, one Negro boy named Ned, one Negro girl named Pheobe and all the household goods and *** on the said plantation to him and his heirs forever to have and to hold all singular the land, goods, chattels, implements of household and commodities whatsoever as aforesaid to the aforesaid Joseph Exum (Jr) his Executors Administrators and assigns to his and their own proper use and behoof forever therefore and therewith to do use and dispose of at his and their wills and or pleasures as of his *** their own proper goods and chattels without any manner of challenge, offers or demands of me the said Joseph Exum (Sr) or of any person or persons offer me in self name by my cause *** persons ***k and of their heirs ye that I the said Joseph Exum (Sr) have picked the said Joseph Exum (Jr) in full possession of all and singular the aforesaid premises by the delivery unto him at the sealing hereof of and him *** of gold in the *** of the whole, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of December and in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight**

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Joseph Exum & Seal
Thomas Willburn, Drury Gee the thirteenth line interlined

Northampton County for April Court 1759

The preceding Deed of Gift was proved in open court on the oaths
Of Thomas Willborne and by the witnesses hereto and on motion was ordered
To be registerd – Test J Edwards Cle Crt –