

Will of Robert Craggs Nugent (1702-1788) 1st Earl Nugent

Note: Paragraph breaks have been added to make the will easier to read; underlines _____ indicate words that I could not read; square brackets [] are words where I am uncertain of the transcription.

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Craggs¹ Earl Nugent in the Kingdom of Ireland do hereby revoke all Wills Codicils and other Testamentary Dispositions made by me at any time or time heretofore and publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament

I give and devise all that my Messuage or Tenement in Great George Street Westminster with the Appurtenances thereto unto Daniel Macnamara of Lincoln's Inn fields in the County of Middlesex Esquire Henry Drummond and Andrew Berkeley Drummond of Charing Cross in the said County of Middlesex Esquire their Heirs and Assigns Upon Trust that they or the Survivors or Survivor of them or the Heirs or Assigns of such Survivor do and shall with all convenient speed after my decease sell convey and dispose of the said Messuage or Tenement with the Appurtenances to any Person or Persons and his her or their Heirs or Assigns either by Public Auction or Sale or by Private Contract for the most Money or the best price or prices that can be reasonably had or gotten for the same

And I do hereby declare that upon Sale thereof it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees or the Survivors or Survivor of them and the Heirs and Assigns of such Survivors or Survivor to give and sign any Receipt or Receipts for the Money for which the same shall be sold or any part thereof which Receipt or Receipts shall be a good and sufficient Discharge or effectual Discharge to any Purchaser or Purchasers and his her or their respective Heirs and Assigns for so much Money as in such Receipt or Receipts shall be expressed or acknowledged to be received And that such Purchaser or Purchasers his her or their respective Heirs or Assigns shall not afterwards be obliged to see to the application of such Purchase Money or be accountable or answerable for the loss _____ application or Nonapplication thereof or of any part thereof

And it is my Will that the said Daniel Macnamara Henry Drummond and Andrew Berkeley Drummond their heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns shall stand possessed of and interested in the Money to arise by Sale of the said Messuage or Tenement Upon the Trusts and for the intents and purposes herein after declared of and concerning the same

And whereas I am intitled to the several Sums of Money secured by Mortgages of Different Estates and also to several Sums of Money in the Public funds of Great Britain

¹ Robert Craggs né Nugent (1702-1788) 1st Earl Nugent [\[Wikipedia\]](#), the Testator, son of Mary née Barnewall and Michael Nugent, husband of (i) Emilia née Plunkett (1708-1731), (ii) Anna née Craggs (1690-1756) and (iii) Elizabeth née Drax (1719-1792).

Now I do hereby give and devise the [Houses] Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments comprised in the said Mortgages with the Appurtenances unto the said Daniel Macnamara Henry Drummond and Andrew Berkely Drummond their heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for all my Estate and Interest therein subject to the Right or Equity of Redemption to which the said Estates are subject and liable And I give and bequeath the Sums of Money secured by such Mortgages and Public ffunds And all the residue of my Personal Estate and Effects of what nature or kind so ever and wheresoever (except such parts thereof as I shall dispose of Specifically) unto the said Daniel Macnamara Henry Drummond and Andrew Berkely Drummond their Executors Admons and Assigns Upon Trust to receive and compel payment of such part or parts thereof as shall consist of Money or be due to me on any Security or Securities or otherwise And to sell and convert into Money such part or parts thereof as shall consist of Personal Chattels

And I do hereby declare my Will to be that the said Daniel Macnamara Henry Drummond and Andrew Berkely Drummond their Executors Administrators and Assigns shall stand possessed of and interested in the Money to arise by Sale of the said Messuage or Tenement in Great George Street

and from the Sums of Money due to me ___ such Securities as aforesaid and the Sums of Money which shall come to their Hands by virtue of or under the bequests hereinbefore contained Upon the Trusts and for the intents and purposes herein after expressed and declared of and concerning the same (that is to say) Upon Trust that they the said Daniel Macnamara Henry Drummond and Andrew Berkely Drummond and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Executors Admons and Assigns of such Survivors and Survivor do and shall by with and out of the same pay all such Debts as shall be justly due from me at the time of my decease And in the next place do and shall pay unto the several Persons herein after named the several Yearly Sums or Annuities following (that is to say)

To Richard Nugent of Clontiduffly in the County of Cavan Esquire and his assigns during the term of his natural life the Yearly Sum of one hundred and fifty pounds

To Miss Barnewall daughter to the late Lord Trimelstown now living in the Convent of Saint G____ at Paris and her Assigns during her life the yearly Sum of ffifty pounds

To Miles Burke and to his Wife now living at Gosfield the Yearly Sum of [thirtie] pounds each for their respective lives

To Captain John Marriott of [Lordingham sible] the Yearly Sum of of Twenty pounds for his life and after his death I give the same Yearly Sum to his Wife if she survives him for her life

To Thomas ffitzgerald and his Assigns during his life the Yearly Sum of ffifty pounds

To Maurice Brown and his Assigns during his life the Yearly Sum of ffifty Pounds

To John Talbot and his Assigns during his life the Yearly Sum of twenty pounds during his life the Yearly Sum of twenty pounds

(which said Thomas ffitzgerald Maurice Brown and John Talbot are all Midshipmen in his Majesty's Navy)

To Captain Luke Nugent now living in Exeter and his Assigns during his life the Yearly Sum of Twenty Pounds

To Peter [Panier] my Cook in case he shall believing with me at my death but not otherwise and his Assigns the Yearly Sum of twenty pounds

To my Servant Samuel ffenton if living with me at my death and his Assigns during his life the Yearly Sum of fifty pounds and after his death I give the same Yearly Sum in the Event aforesaid to his Wife for her life

To the said Daniel Macnamara Henry Drummond and Andrew Berkely Drummond their Executors Admons and Assigns the yearly Sum of ten pounds during the life of Ann ffraser of East Lane Greenwich In Trust to pay the same to such persons and for such intents and purposes as the said Ann ffraser whether single or married shall (when and as the same shall from time to time become due (but not before)) direct or appoint by any Writing under her hand or for want of such direction or appointment in her own hands for her own sole and separate use and benefit exclusive of her present or any future Husband And it is my Will that her Receipt shall notwithstanding her Coverture be sufficient discharge for the same

The said several Annuities or Yearly Sums of Money to be paid clear of all deductions for Taxes or upon any other Account whatsoever according to the value of Money in England half Yearly on the first day of November and the first day of May in every Year by equal portions The first half Yearly payment thereof to be made on such of the said first days of payment as shall happen next after my decease or the Event on which such Annuities respectively shall become payable

I give to George Knight Esquire a Lieutenant Colonel in his Majesty's Service and Charles Edmund Nugent a Captain in his Majesty's Navy their Executors Administrators and Assigns the Yearly Sum of ffive hundred pounds English Upon Trust to pay thereout the several Annuities to the several persons for their respective lives whom I shall mention in a paper writing to be signed by me and directed to them the said George Knight and Charles Edmund Nugent and shall inclose in this my Will or shall hereafter convey to them as a Supplement

I give to my Sister Margaret Nugent the Sum of ffive hundred pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain to be paid immediately after my decease And also such part of the ffurniture of my House in Great George Street aforesaid as she shall choose for furnishing a House for her Habitation

And I give and bequeath all the arrears of Rent which at the time of my death shall be due to me from my Estates in the County of Essex and in Ireland to George Nugent Marquis of Buckingham he discharging The Quit Rents and Crown Rents which shall be due army death for or in respect of my said Estates in Ireland and also the Land Tax p____ Rates House and Window Duties by this and Quit Rents which shall then be due for or in respect of my Estate in Essex And likewise whatever may be due for Salaries and Wages to the several Stewards and Bailiffs employed by me whether within or without Doors on my said Estates in the Kingdom of Ireland and the County of Essex

I give and bequeath all my Books at Gosfield (except duplicates (many of which are now in the possession of of the said Marquis) which I give to the said Lieutenant Colonel George Nugent and Charles Edmund Nugent equally between them as Tenants in Common)

And all the Pictures and ffurniture which shall be in Gosfield Hall at the time of my death unto my Daughter the Marchioness of Buckingham

And I give to Lady Louisa Harvey the Sum of Two thousand pounds

To John Nugent Esquire of Tortola the Sum of Two hundred pounds

To my worthy ffriend Daniel Macnamara the Sum of one thousand pounds

To each of them the said Henry Drummond Andrew Berkely Drummond and Daniel Macnamara one hundred Guineas and the like Sum to the Right Honourable David Latouche for Rings which I request they will accept and wear in remembrance of an old and faithful friend

To Richard Camplin Esquire the Sum of ffifty Pounds

To the Reverend John Erskin Dean of Cork the Sum of Twenty Pounds

To the Rever^d Joseph Tucker Dean of Gloucester twenty pounds

To John Osborn Esquire late a Major in the East Indies the Sum of one thousand pounds

To William [Bourck] of Halsted twenty pounds

To each of my Menial Servants who shall be living with me at the time of my death a Years Wages over and above what shall be then due to them respectively

And I hereby release and discharge the Estate of my late Son Edmund Nugent as also his Executors Trustees and Devises of and from the Principal Sum of one thousand nine hundred pounds or any other Sum due and secured to me upon the said Estate And from all Interest which may be due at the time of my decease for or in respect of the same

I do also hereby release Michael Nugent now resident at __ath his Heirs Executors and Admons of and from all debts due to me by Mortgage or otherwise upon the Lands of

Clontiduffly in the County of Cavan and also all other Lands or Estate of or belonging to him the said Michael Nugent in the Kingdom of Ireland

And I do hereby revoke annul and make void and Instrument executed or supposed to be executed by me in or about the Year one thousand seven hundred and sixty two for granting to Robert Nugent Esquire of Bo__ Grove in the Kingdom of Ireland deceased his Executors or Admons a Lease or Leases of certain Lands part of my Estate in Ireland and for charging the said Estate with the Sum of one thousand pounds for his or their use and benefit to take place after my decease Upon certain Contingencies Terms and Conditions therein expressed or implied which Instrument I have already cancelled and I do hereby declare the same to be null and void for all intents and purposes

I give and bequeath so much of the Money arising by the Sale of the said Messuage and other Hereditaments in Great George Street and so much and such part and parts of my Personal Estate which shall remain after answering the purposes aforesaid To the said Lieutenant Colonel George Nugent and Charles Edmund Nugent if both if them shall be living at the time of my decease to be divided between them in equal shares and proportions as Tenants in Common and if only one of them shall Survive me Then the whole to such Survivor

Provided always nevertheless and I do hereby declare that in the meantime and until all the Trusts herein before declared of and concerning the Money to arise by the Sale of the said Messuage or Tenement in Great George Street or of and concerning my said Personal Estate shall be fully performed and executed it shall and may be lawful to and for and I do hereby direct that they the said Daniel Macnamara Henry Drummond and Andrew Berkely Drummond and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Heirs Executors Admons and Assigns of such Survivor do and shall as to such part of my said Personal Estate as shall at the time of my decease be due or owing to me upon any Security or Securities either continue the same upon such Security or Securities or call in and compel payment thereof and as to the Money to arise thereby and also to the Money to arise by Sale of the said Messuage or Tenement in Great George Street and such part or parts of my said Personal Estate as shall at the time of my decrease be owing to me on any Security or Securities do and shall lay out and invest the same in the purchase of Parliamentary Stocks or Public ffunds of Great Britain or Ireland or at Interest upon Government or Real Securities in England or Ireland as they the said Daniel Macnamara Henry Drummond and Andrew Berkely Drummond or the Survivors or Survivor of them or the Heirs Executors or Admons of such Survivor shall in his or their discretion think fit

I appoint the said Daniel Macnamara Henry Drummond and Andrew Berkely Drummond Executors of this my Will And I do hereby declare that the Receipt or Receipts of the Trustee or Trustees nominated and appointed by this my Will for the several purposes herein before mentioned And also the Receipt of their respective Heirs Executors Admons and Assigns shall be full and effectual discharges for any Sum or

Sums of Money payable or to be advanced to them by virtue of and under the Trusts of this my Will And that the person and persons paying and advancing the same respectively and having such Receipt or Receipts respectively shall not be accountable or answerable for the Misapplication or Nonapplication or be in any wise bound to see to the application of the Money in such Receipt or Receipts expresses or mentioned to be received provided always and I do hereby declare my Will to be that if the several Trustees nominated and appointed in and by this my Will their Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns or any Trustee or Trustees to be appointed in the stead or place of them or any of them in pursuance of this present power shall die or be desirous of being discharged of or from or refuse decline or be incapable to act in the Trusts hereby in them respectively reposed before such Trusts shall be fully executed performed or discharged then and in such case and when and so often as the same shall happen it shall and may be lawful to and for the said George and Charles Edmund Nugent and the Survivor of them by any Writing or Writings under or his Hands and Seals or Hand and Seal to nominate substitute or appoint any other person or persons to be a Trustee or Trustees in the stead or place of the Trustee or Trustees so dying or desirous to be discharged or refusing declining or becoming incapable to Act as aforesaid And that when and so often as any new Trustee or Trustees shall be nominated or appointed as aforesaid all the Trust Estates Monies and Premises which shall then be vested in the Trustee or Trustees so dying or desiring to be discharged or refusing or declining or becoming incapable to act as aforesaid either solely or jointly with any other Trustee or Trustees shall be thereupon with all convenient speed conveyed assigned and transferred in such sort and manner And so as that the same shall and may be legally and effectually vested in the Surviving or continuing Trustee or Trustees respectively and such new or other Trustee or Trustees or if there should be no continuing Trustee or Trustees Then in such new Trustees only To the same uses and upon the same Trusts as are herein before declared of and concerning the same Trust Estates Monies and Premises or such of them as shall or may be then subsisting and capable of taking Effect And that every such new Trustee or Trustees shall and may in all things Act and Assist in the management carrying on and Execution of the Trusts to which they shall be so appointed in Conjunction with the other then Surviving or continuing Trustee or Trustees of the same Trust Estates Monies and Premises if there shall be any such continuing Trustee or Trustees of the same Estates Monies and Premises if not then by himself or themselves respectively as fully and effectually and with all the same power and powers authority and authorities of Consent Approbation Discretion calling or laying out and investing giving and signing receipts and effectual Indemnifications and discharges to purchasers or others and all other powers and authorities whatsoever to all intents effects Constitutions and purposes whatsoever as if he or they had been originally in and by this my Will nominated and appointed Trustee or Trustees for the purposes for which such new Trustess or Trusees respectively shall be appointed Trustee or Trustees and as the Trustee or Trustees in or to whose place such new Trustee or Trustees shall respectively come or succeed are or is enabled to do or could or might have dome under and by virtue of this my Will if then living in

continuing to Act in the Trusts hereby reposed in them or him anything herein before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding

Provided Lastly and I do hereby declare my Will and Mind to be that the said several Trustees and each and every of them and the Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns of them and every of them shall be charged and chargeable respectively only for such Monies as they or any of them shall respectively actually receive by virtue of the Trusts hereby in them reposed notwithstanding his or their or any of their giving or signing or joining in giving or signing any Receipt or Receipts for the Sake of Conformity and that any one or more of them shall not be answerable or accountable for the other or others of them or for the Acts Receipts Neglects or Defaults of the others or other of them but each and every of them for his and their own Acts Receipts Neglects or Defaults respectively and that they or any of them shall not be answerable or accountable for any Banker Broker or other Person with whom or in whose hands any part of the said Trust Monies shall or may be deposited or lodged for safe Custody or otherwise in the Execution of the Trusts hereby in them reposed And that they or any of them shall not be at any time answerable or accountable for the insufficiency or deficiency of any Security or Securities Stocks or funds or upon which the said Trust Monies or any part thereof shall be placed out or invested or for the defect of the Title of the Lands on which such Trust Monies shall be lent on for any other misfortune loss or damage which may happen in the Execution of the aforesaid Trusts or in relation thereto except the same shall happen by or through their own wilful default respectively And also that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees and such future Trustee or Trustees to be appointed as aforesaid and every of them their and every of their Heirs Executors Admons and Assigns to pay any debts which they shall think to be owing by me upon any Evidence they shall think proper and to compromise adjust and settle all accounts depending between me and any person or persons whomsoever and by and out of the Monies which shall come to their respective Hands by virtue of the Trusts aforesaid to retain to and reimburse himself and themselves respectively and also to allow to his or their CoTrustee and CoTrustees all Costs Charges Damages and Expenses which they or any of them may suffer sustain expend disburse be at or be put unto in or about the Execution of the aforesaid Trusts or in relation thereunto

And I desire to be buried in a private manner at Gosfield aforesaid and particularly direct that my Body may be opened after my decease for the benefit of Mankind

In Witness whereof I the said Robert Craggs Earl Nugent have to three parts of this my Will all of the same Tenor and date and each part being contained on nine sheets of paper set my Hand and Seal this fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight *Craggs Nugent (SS)* Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the said Robert Craggs Earl Nugent as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our Names as Witnesses hereto *John Palmer* of Chancery

Lane London, Attorney [*Glen I*] Baker King Street Westminster /—/ Tho^s Gell Clerk to Mr Palmer ././.

Pensions for life to be paid by George and Edmund Nugent or either of them out of an Annuity which I bequeath to them in my Will of £500 for that purpose

In Dublin to my Sister Mrs Brown for her sole use independent of her Husband by the Hands of Miss Allicia Nugent	£	150	"	0	"	0
To the said Allicia Nugent for her own use		30	"	0	"	0
To my Cousin Ann Plunkett and her Daughter		30	"	0	"	0
To Miss Ann Reynolds		30	"	0	"	0
To each of Michael Nugent of Cluntiduffys 2 Sisters Mary Dowdal and Ann Nugent £20		40	"	0	"	0
To my Cousin Clare Nugent		10	"	0	"	0
To M ^{rs} Martha Donevan		10	"	0	"	0
In the County of Longford. To Christopher Nugent of Killasonna and Wife		30	"	0	"	0
In the County of Westminster To M ^r Connel		5	"	0	"	0
To Widow Moore		1	"	0	"	0
To James Sheridan		3	"	0	"	0
To John Nisell		1	"	0	"	0
In the County of Clare. To Miss ÔLoghlin		25	"	0	"	0
To her Brother		20	"	0	"	0
To Mrs Jane ÔGrady for her sole use independant of Husband		10	"	0	"	0
To the Widow of J ⁿ M ^c Namara		5	"	0	"	0
To the Widow and Sister of W ^m Hierly		1	"	0	"	0
	Irish	401	"	0	"	0
In Essex To the Widow Mills £2:2 ^s and the Widow Mihil £10		12	"	2	"	0

To Coldston, Copsey and Mrs Strait each 5 ^s pr week	39	"	0	"	0
To the Widow Turner and Pudney each 2/6 ^d pr week	13	"	0	"	0
To the Widow Evert 2 ^s pr week	5	"	4	"	0
In London. Timothy [Teerling] 7 ^s pr week	18	"	4	"	0
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	87	"	10	"	0
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	Craggs. Nugent				

27th October 1788

Appeared Personally *John Palmer* of Chancery Lane inn the parish of Saint Andrew Holborn in the County of Middlesex Esquire and Thomas Gell of the same place Gentleman and made Oath that they knew and were well acquainted with the Right Honorable Robert Craggs Earl Nugent of the Kingdom of Ireland deceased and with his manner and character of Handwriting and Subscription having often seen him write and Subscribe his Name and Title of Honor and having now viewed and perused the Paper Writing hereto annexed referred to in the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased beginning thus "Pensions for life" and ending thus "Eng: — 87 " 10 " 0 and thus Subscribed "Craggs Nugent" They these [appeared] say they do verily in their Consciences believe the Name "Ann" interlined between the tenth and eleventh lines from the top of the said Paper Writing the figures 2, £20 in the twelfth line, and the Names "Mary Dowdal and Ann Nugent of Killasonna" between the fourteenth and the fifteenth lines, the word "sole" between the twenty first and the twenty second lines the figures and Words £2 " 2d and the Widow Mihil £10 in the twenty fifth line the said Subscription "Craggs Nugent" and also the Superscription "To Lieutenant Colonel George Nugent and to Capⁿ Charles Edmund Nugent" to be all of the proper Handwriting and Subscription of the said Right Honorable Robert Craggs Earl Nugent deceased *John Palmer /—/ Tho^s Gell —*

Same day the said John Palmer Esquire and Thomas Gell were duly sworn to the truth of the above Affidavit before me William Battine Surrogate Present Henry Stevens Notary Public .//.

This Will was proved at London with a Codicil the twenty ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight before the Worshipful George Harris Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of Daniel Macnamara, Henry Drummond and Andrew Berkely Drummond Esquires the Executors named in the said Will to whom

Administration was granted of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the deceased having been first sworn duly to administer .//.

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