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This is the last Will and Testament of me George Gordon
Lord Byron Baron Byron of Rochdale in the County of Lancaster as follows I
Give and devise all that my Manor or Lordship of Rochdale in the said County of
Lancaster with all its Rights Royalties Members and Appurtenances And all
my Lands Tenements Hereditaments and premises situate lying and being
within the Parish Manor or Lordship of Rochdale aforesaid And all other my
Estate Lands Hereditaments and premises whatsoever and wheresoever unto
my friends John Cam Hobhouse late of Trinity College Cambridge Esquire and
John Hanson of Chancery Lane ^{London} Esquire their Heirs and Assigns upon
Trust that they the said John Cam Hobhouse and John Hanson and the survivor
of them and the Heirs and Assigns of such Survivor do and shall as soon as
conveniently may be after my decease sell and dispose of all my said Manor and
Estate for the most money that can or may be had or gotten for the same either by
private Contract or public Sale by Auction and either together or in Lots as my
said Trustees shall think proper And for the facilitating such Sale and Sales
I do direct that the Receipt and Receipts of my said Trustees and of the survivor
of them and the Heirs and Assigns of such Survivor shall be a good and sufficient
discharge and good and sufficient discharges to the Purchaser or Purchasers of my
said Estate or any part or parts thereof 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 Heirs and Assigns shall not afterwards be in any
manner answerable or Accountable for such purchase Monies or be obliged to see
to the Application thereof And I do ~~will~~ direct that my said Trustees shall
stand possessed of the Monies to arise by the Sale of my said Estate upon such
Trusts and for such Intents and Purposes as I have hereinafter directed of and
concerning the same And whereas I have by certain Deeds of Conveyance made
on my marriage with my present Wife conveyed all my Manor and Estate of
Newstead in the parishes of Newstead and Linby in the County of Nottingham
unto Trustees Upon Trust to sell the same and to apply the Sum of Sixty thousand
Pounds part of the money to arise by such Sale Upon the Trusts of my Marriage
Settlement Now I do hereby Give and bequeath all the Remainder of the
Purchase Money to arise by Sale of my said Estate at Newstead and all the
whole of the said Sixty thousand Pounds or such part thereof as shall not become
vested and payable under the Trusts of my said marriage Settlement unto the said
John Cam Hobhouse and John Hanson their Executors Administrators and
Assigns upon such Trusts and for such ends Intents and purposes as I have
hereinafter directed of and concerning the residue of my personal Estate I Give and
bequeath unto the said John Cam Hobhouse and John Hanson the Sum of
One thousand Pounds each I Give and bequeath all the rest residue and Remainder
of my personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever unto the said John Cam Hobhouse
and John Hanson their Executors Administrators and Assigns Upon Trust that

By George Gordon

they my said Trustees and the Survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators
 of such Survivor do and shall stand possessed of all such rest and residue of my said
 personal Estate and the money to arise by Sale of my real Estates herein before
 devised to them for Sale and such of the Monies to arise by Sale of my said Estate
 at Newstead as I have power to dispose of after payment of my Debts and Legacies
 hereby given Upon the Trusts and for the ends Intents and purposes hereinafter
 mentioned and directed of and concerning the same that is to say Upon Trust
 that they my said Trustees and the Survivor of them and the Executors and
 Administrators of such Survivor do and shall lay out and invest the same in
 the public Stocks or Funds or upon Government or real Security at Interest
 with power from time to time to change vary and transpose such Securities
 and from time to time during the life of my Sister Augusta Mary Leigh the
 Wife of George Leigh Esquire may receive apply and dispose of the Interest Dividends
 and Annual Produce thereof when and as the same shall become due and
 payable into the proper hands of the said Augusta Mary Leigh to and for her
 Sole and separate use and benefit free from the Control Debts or Engagements
 of her present or any future Husband or unto such person or persons as she my
 said Sister shall from time to time by any writing under her hand notwithstanding
 her present or any future Coverture and whether Covert or Sole direct or appoint
 And from and immediately after the decease of my said Sister Then upon
 Trust that they my said Trustees and the Survivor of them his Executors or
 Administrators do and shall assign and transfer all my said personal Estate
 and other the Trust property herein before mentioned or the Stocks funds or
 Securities wherein or upon which the same shall or may be placed out or invested
 unto and among all and every the Child and Children of my said Sister if more
 than one in such parts Shares and Proportions and to become a vested Interest
 and to be paid and transferred at such time and times and in such manner
 and with under and Subject to such Provisoes Conditions and Restrictions
 as my said Sister at any time during her life whether Covert or Sole by any
 Deed or Deeds Instrument or Instruments in writing with or without
 power of Revocation to be sealed and delivered in the presence of two or more
 Credible Witnesses or by her last Will and Testament in Writing or any
 Writing of Appointment in the nature of a Will shall direct or appoint; and
 in default of any such Appointment or in case of the death of my said Sister
 in my life time Then upon Trust that they my said Trustees and the
 Survivor of them his Executors Administrators and assigns Do and shall
 assign and transfer all the Trust property and Funds unto and among the
 Children of my said Sister if more than one equally to be divided between them
 Share and Share alike and if only one such Child then to such only Child
 the Share and Shares of such of them as shall be a Son or Sons to be paid

Myself

and transferred unto him and them when and as he or they shall respectively attain his or their Age or Ages of Twenty one years And the Share and Shares of such of them as shall be a daughter or daughters to be paid and transferred unto her or them when and as she or they shall respectively attain her or their Age or Ages of twenty one years or be married which shall first happen And in case any of such Children shall happen to die being a Son or Sons before he or they shall attain the age of Twenty one years or being a daughter or Daughters before she or they shall attain the said age of Twenty one or be married Then it is my Will and I do direct that the Share and Shares of such of the said Children as shall so die shall go to the Survivor and Survivors of such Children with the benefit of further Accrues in case of the death of any such surviving Children before their Shares shall become vested And I do direct that my said Trustees shall pay and apply the Interest and Dividends of each of the said Childrens Shares in the said Trust Funds for his her or their maintenance and Education during their Minorities notwithstanding their Shares may not become vested Interests but that such Interest and dividends as shall not have been applied shall accumulate and follow and go over with the Principal And I do nominate constitute and appoint the said John Lam Hobhouse and John Hanson Executors of this my Will And I do will and direct that my said Trustees shall not be answerable the one of them for the other of them or for the Acts Deeds Receipts or Defaults of the ~~executors~~ or either of them but each of them for his own acts Deeds Receipts and Willful defaults only And that they my said Trustees shall be entitled to retain and deduct out of the monies which shall come to their Hands under the Trusts aforesaid all such Costs Charges damages and Expenses which they or any of them shall bear pay sustain or be put unto in the Execution and performance of the Trusts herein reposed in them I make the above provision for my Sister and her Children in consequence of my dear Wife Lady Byron and my Children I may have being otherwise amply provided for And lastly I do revoke all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made and do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have to this my last Will contained in three Sheets of Paper set my hand to the first two Sheets thereof and to this third and last Sheet my hand and Seal this Twenty ninth day of July — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Lord Byron the Testator 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 hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses

Byron



Thos. Jones Mawne
Edm^d. Griffin
Jos^{ph}. Jones

Clerks of Mr. Hanson

Chancery Lane

5th July 1824

John Cam Hobhouse and John Hanson
Esquires the Executors within named were
duly sworn to the true and faithful
performance of the Will and
also a codicil thereto and likewise that
the effects of the deceased within the province
of Cumberland do not amount in value to
the sum of Ten thousand Pounds.

Subt 10,000
within the Province
of Cumberland
For which and for the

Before me

Richard Smith

of Glamorgan

The Testator the Right Honourable George
Gordon Noel Byron Baron Byron
did at least this year

6th

Proved at London ^{with a codicil} ^{the} 5th July 1824 before the Worshipful Stephen
Lushington Doctor of Laws and Judge by the Oaths of John Cam Hobhouse
and John Hanson Esquires the Executors to whom Admon was granted
being first sworn duly to administer.

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The Right Honble

George Gordon Noel
Baron

Byron

July 1824

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Codicil

This is a Codicil to the last will and Testament of me The Right Honourable George Gordon Lord Byron. I Give and bequeath unto Allegra Byron on Infant of about Twenty Months Old by me brought up and now residing at Venice, the Sum of Two thousand pounds which I direct the Executors of my said Will to pay to her on her attaining the Age of Twenty one Years or on the Day of her Marriage (on Condition she does not marry with a Native of Great Britain) which shall first happen And I direct my said Executors as soon as conveniently may be after my Decease to invest the said Sum of Two thousand Pounds on Government or real Security and pay and apply the Annual Income thereof in or towards the Maintenance and Education of the said Allegra Byron until she attains her said Age of twenty one Years or shall be married as aforesaid But in case she shall die before attaining the said Age and without

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having been married then I direct the said
Sum of Five thousand pounds to become
part of the Residue of my personal
Estate and in all other respects I do
confirm my said will and declare this
to be a Codicil thereto In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my Hand and
Seal at Venice this Seventeenth
Day of November in the Year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and
Eighteen.

Byword.



Signed sealed published
and declared by the said Lord
Byword as and for a Codicil to
his will in the presence of
us who in his presence at his
Request and in the presence
of each other have ~~set~~ subscribed
our Names as Witnesses

Newton Hanson

William Fletcher

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