

Testament of David Hume, Edinburgh Commissary Court CC8/8/125/2 pp 858-868
The Testament Testamentor and Inventory of the debt and Sums of Money which were addebted and resting owing to Umq[ui]le David Hume Second lawful Son of Joseph Hume of Ninewells Advocate at the time of his decease who deceased Upon the day of one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six years Made and given up by himself Upon the fourth day of January one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six Years In so far as concerns the Nomination of his Executor And now Faithfully made and given up by John Home of Ninewells Brother of the Said Umq[ui]le David Hume In so far as concerns the Inventory of the Said defunct his debts and Sums of Money after written Which John Home of Ninewells He the Said Umq[ui]le David Hume did nominate and appoint to be his sole Executor and universal Legatee And that by his last Will and Settlement bearing date the Said fourth day of January one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six years Registered in the Books of Councill and Session the twenty ninth day of August one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six years which Is hereafter Ingrost

Follows the Inventory

In the first the said Umq[ui]le David Hume had addebted and resting owing to him at the time of his decease foresaid the debt and Sums of money after mentioned Vizt the Sum of Seventeen hundred pounds Sterling Contained in a Bond Granted by the Right Honourable the Earl of Wemyss to the Honourable James Wemyss his Second Son dated the twenty Seventh day of December one thousand Seven hundred and forty nine years and Registered in the Books of Session the nineteenth day of November one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Six years. Which Bond and Sums therein contained was assigned by the said James Wemyss To and in favor of Hugh Dalrymple of Fordyell Esq[ui]r[e] conform to assignation dated the twenty fourth day of August one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty one and Registered in the Books of Session the Nineteenth day of November one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Six years And which Sum is also contained in a Bond of Corrobaration by the Said James Wemyss to the Said Hugh Dalrymple dated the Said twenty fourth day of August one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty one and Registered in the Books of Council the Said nineteenth day of November one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Six years –In and to which Principall Bond assignation and Bond of Corrobaration above narrated the said Umq[ui]le David Hume had right by Translation Granted by the Said Hugh Dalrymple in favor of the Said defunct leaving date the eighteenth day of November one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Six and Registered in the Books of Councill and Session the nineteenth day of Said Month and year Extending the Said principall Sum of Seventeen hundred pounds Sterling In Scots money to twenty thousand four hundred pounds –
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Debt resting to the Dead

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I David Hume Second lawfull son of Joseph Hume of Ninewells Advocate for the love and affection I bear to John Hume of Ninewells My Brother and for other causes, Do by these presents under the reservations and burdens after mentioned Give and dispone to the Said John Hume or if he die before me, to David Home his Second Son his heirs and assignees whatsoever all Lands heretages debts and Sums of Money as well heretable as moveable which shall belong to me at the time of my

death as also my whole Effects in general real and personal with and under the burden of the following Legacies Vizt To my Sister Katharine Hume the Sum of twelve hundred pounds Sterling payable at the first term of whitsunday or Martinmas after my decease together with all my English books, and the live rent of My house in James's Court or in case that house be Sold at the time of my decease, twenty pound Sterling a year during the whole course of her life – To my Friend Adam Ferguson Proffessor of Moral Philosophy in the Colledge of Edinburgh two hundred pounds Sterling To my Friend M. Dalembert Member of the French Academy and of the Academy of Sciences in Parish two hundred Pounds – To My Friend Dr. Adam Smith late Proffessor of Moral Philosophy in Glasgow I leave all my Manuscripts without exception, desiring him to publish My Dialogues on Natural religion which are comprehended in this present bequest, but to publish no other papers which he Suspects not to have been written within these five years, but to destroy them all at his Leisure, And I even leave him full power over all My papers except the dialogues Above Mentioned, and this I can trust to that Intimate and Sincere Friendship which has ever Subsisted between us for his faithfull execution of this part of My will, Yet as a small recompense for his pains in Correcting and publishing this work I leave him two hundred pounds Sterling to be paid immediately after the publication of it I also leave to Mrs. Ann and Mrs. Janet Hepburns Daughters of Mr. James Hepburns of Keith one hundred pounds a piece – To My Cousin David Campbell Son of Mr. Campbell Minister of Lillysleaf one hundred pounds To the Infirmary of Edinburgh Fifty pounds To all the Servants who shall be in My family at the time of My decease one years wages and to My housekeeper Margaret Irvine three years Wages, And I also ordain that My Brother or Nephew or Executor whoever he be Shall Not pay up to the Said Margaret Irvine without her own consent any Sum of Money which I Shall owe her at the time of My decease whether by bill, bond or for wages, but Shall return it in his hand And pay her the legal Interest Upon it till the demand the principle, And in case My Brother Above Mentioned Shall Survive Me I leave to his Son David the Sum of a thousand pounds to assist him in his Education, But in case that by My Brothers death before Me, the Succession of My Estate and Effects Shall devolve to the Aforesaid David, I hereby burden him over And Above the payment of the foresaid Legacies with the payment of the Sums following To his Brother Joseph and John a thousand pounds a piece – To his Sisters Katharine and agnes, five hundred pounds a piece, All which Sums as well as every Sum contained in this present disposition (except that to Dr. Smith) to be payable on the first term of Whitsunday or Martinmas after My decease and all of them without exception in Sterling Money, And I do hereby Nominate And appoint the Said John Hume My Brother and failing of him by decease the Said David Hume to be My Sole Executor and Universal Legatee with And under the burdens Above Mentioned, Reserving always full power and liberty to Me at Any time in My life even in death bed to alter and Innovate these presents in whole or in part And to burden the Same with Such other Legacies as I Shall think fit And I do hereby declare these presents to be a good valid and Sufficient evident albeit found in My Custody or in the Custody of Any other person at the time of My death Consenting to the Registration hereof in the Books of Councill and Session or other Judges Books Competent therein to remain for preservation And thereto I Constitute

Procurators In witness whereof these My presents consisting of this And the preceeding page Are written And Subscribed by Me this fourth day of January one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six years Att Edinburgh Before these

witnesses the Right Honourable the Earl of Home and Mr. John Mc Gowan Clerk to the Signet (Signed) David Hume – Home witnesses Jo. Mc Gowan witnesses – day and date as above I also ordain that if I die any where in Scotland I Shall be buried in a private Manner in the Calton Church Yard, the South Side of it, And a Monument be built over My Body at an expence not exceeding one hundred pounds with an Inscription containing only My Name with the year of My birth and death, leaving it to Posterity to add the rest (Signed) David Hume – At Edinburgh the fifteenth day of April one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six I also leave for rebuilding the Bridge of Chirnside the Sum of one hundred pound but in Condition that the Managers of the Bridge Shall take none of the Stones for building the bridge from the Quarry of Ninewells except from that part of the Quarry which has been already opened – I leave to My Nephew Joseph the Sum of fifty pounds to enable him to make a good Sufficient drain and Sewer round the house of Ninewells but on Condition that if that drain and Sewer be not made from whatever Cause within a year after My death the Said fifty pounds Shall be paid to the poor of the parish of Chirnside To My Sister Instead of all My English books I leave her a [?]ind red Volumes at her Choice To David Waite Servant to My brother I leave The Sum of ten pounds payable the first term after My death (Signed) David Hume
Master Andrew Balfour &c Cautioner
8th March 1781