

**May 31st 1629**

**In the name of God Amen;**

I Leonard Mawe Mr of Trinity Colledge in Cambridge, and by Gods great mercy to me, though unworthy of that high honor and calling Bishopp of Bath and Wells, bring in perfect health of bodie, and sound in mynde and memorie, blessed be god for it considering the uncertainties of this life, and suddenness of death, which hath surprised many younger than my self. I make, ordaine, and declare, this my last will and testament, revoaking all former wills whatsoever made by me heretofore. First I comende my soule into the hands of god my Almightye Creator, with whom the Spiritts of ..... and perfect men ....., ..... hoping by his mercy and through the meritts of Christ..... my blessed Saviour and .....to obtain perfect remission of all my sins in this world, and eternall life in the world to come. My body I commit to the earth to be laid .... in peace hoping and looking for a joyfull resurrection to glory, after this painful pilgrimage ended, and for that blessedness which is promised to them that dye in the lord. ....my worldly goods which are not many (for I never had nor wanted to have much) I bequeath and..... in manner following. First my lands, tenements, and house in Melton, Oxford, Bradfield, Woodbridge in the County of Suffolk which my father purchased of Thomas ..... Partridge and *Walter* ? I leave to .....to the next heir accordinge to my fathers will and Deed of F..... . All my lands, tenements, and houses in the Isle of Axholme in Lincolnshire, lying in Epworth, Crowle, Luddington, I bequeath my house and tenement in Selby in Yorkshire which my brother Charles left me by last will, in consideration of payment of his debts. I bequeath the house on *Fint* ? in Woodbridge in Suff, comonly called the Queens Head, which also was left to me by my brother Charles for payments of his debts, I give to my cousin Nicholas Mawe sonne of Robert Mawe my loving uncle and god father to whom I ought the first beginnings of my fortune, to him I give my forenamed lands, houses and tenements lying in Lincolnshire, Yorkshire and Suff, and to the ..... of his bodie lawfully begotten forever. Likewise I give to my said cousin Nicholas Mawe the some of two hundred pounds in money to be paid to him within one year after my death at one ..... payment. Item I give to *Lowes* Smeeth my nephew, sonne to William Smeeth of Chiswick in the Country of Midd gent, the some of *four* hundred pounds, the one half to be paid within six months after my death. The other half within other six months after the first payment. Item I give to Elizabeth Smeeth and Kimborough Smeeth my nieces, daughters to William Smeeth of Chiswick aforesaid to each of them a hundred pounds a piece to be paid them within a year after my death. Item I give to

the Colledge where I hadd my education and was both Scholar, Fellow and Master, commonly called Peterhouse in Cambridge, the some of three hundred pounds for the Leading of their Chappell, if it be not finished before my death. If it be, I give it towards the building of the East end of the Coll: towards the .....If it begun within two years after my death, if not it be not begun in that tyme, Then I give the said three hundred pounds for a perpetuall *mark* to the Coll: to be laid ....and kept in Cista Common, and nothing to be taken out or expended, without the consent of the Master and quarter part of the Fellows. And I will that these be taken a yearly account of this some, at the end of the Coll: accounts for that the some of three hundred pounds be still kept, and remayne .. .. as a perpetuall *mark* to the Colledge as the money in Cista Bernardi, is or should be kept diminution for the benefit of the fellows. For due performance whereof I bynde the *con*..... of the present and succeeding masters and fellows that they for it employed to the ... and I desire the present societie.to accept of this poor gift of myne as a testimony of my thankfulness unto my ..... from which I *received* for many blessings and favours. Item all the plate that was my fathers all the household stuffe, beddinge, *c*....., carpette, chaires, stools and all the pictures and ornaments I leave and bequeath to the heirs of the house at Rendlesham. All my other plate silver potts, T....., Salt Pepper, guilt cupps with covers, ....., ....., and I give to my cousin Nicholas Mawe. My books of all sorts, Hebrewe, Greeke, Latine, English, French, Spanish, on Divinitie, Philosophie, Historie whatsoever I give to my nephew Symon Smeeth sonne of William Smeeth aforesaid. Item I give to Thomas Burwell fellow of Trinitie hall in Cambridge my nephew the some of one hundred pounds to be paid within one year after my death. Item I give to my servant Tho: ..... one hundred pounds to be paid within six months after my death. Item to my servant Richard Smeeth the some of one hundred pounds to be paid within six months after my death. Item to George Clark my coachman twenty pounds and two of my coach *horses*. The rest of my goods unbequeathed I leave to be equally divided between my two Executors whom I nominate, make and ordaine to be my cousin Nicholas Mawe and Thomas Burwell my nephew and I earnestly desire my good friend Doctor Tho: Eden to be overseer of this my last will and testament and to advise and direct my Executors by his ..... And I will and bequeath to him my *ann*..... friend Doctor Eden for his pains either twentie pounds in money or a peece of plate to that value at his choice.

**Probatum** - there then follows text in latin even more unreadable than the English above – two names are prominent however, Nicholai Mawe and Thome Burwell.