The Will of John Hicks of Altarnun 1654

In the name of God Amen I John Hicks of Alternon in the County of Cornwall gent Beinge sicke of body, but perfect of memory (Thanks be unto Allmmightie god) Doe ordaine this to be my last will and Testament in manner and forme followinge First I bequeath my Soule into the hands of Allmmightie god my maker And my body to the Christian buriall Alseoe I give unto the poore of the parish of Alternon the Summe of Three pounds to be distributed by the overseers of this my will on the day of my buriall unto Such as stand in most need Alseoe I give unto Nicholas Hicks my Second Sonne the Summe of Five hundred pounds of lawfull moneys to be paid by my executor when the Said Nicholas shall accomplish his full age of one and twenty yeares And likewise my will is And I doe alseoe give and bequeath unto the Said Nicholas towards his maintenance yearely dureing his minority the Summe of tenne pounds to be paid by my executor by quarterly payments Alseoe I give and bequeath unto Richard Hicks my youngest Sonne the Summe of Five hundred pounds of like moneys to be likewise paid by my executor when the Said Richard Hicks shall accomplish his full age of one and twenty yeares And that likewise towards the maintenance of the said Richard dureing his minority my will and meaninge is And I doe likewise give and bequeath unto the Said Richard the Summe of tenne pounds yearely to be paid by my Executor by quarterly payments dureinge the terme of his minority Alseoe I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Hicks my wife in full recompence of such Joynture or Dower as shee may challenge or hereafter claime of or unto any of my lands and tenements all that one Messuage and tenement Called Trebulim otherwise Trebulloam and all that one Messuage and Tenement called Trethyn Sett lyinge and beinge within the said parish of Alternon To hold the Said premises with the Appurtenances unto the Said Elizabeth and her assignes for and dureinge the terme of her naturall life Alseoe I give and bequeath unto John Harris Thomas Harris and Charles Harris her sonnes the Summe of five pounds to each of them to be paid by my Executor within one yeare after my death Item I give and bequeath Elizabeth Tooker and Arthur Tooker the two children of Elizabeth Tooker my deceased daughter the sume of Fortie shillings a piece Item I give unto John Hardy my Servant forty shillings Alseoe I give unto William Hardy and my Servant forty shillings Alseoe I give unto Barbary Gist my Servant Forty shillings Alseoe I give unto Mary Wadge lately my Servant twentie shillings Alseoe I give unto Alice Margarett Christian and Richard the Children of Christian Hardy deceased twenty shillings a piece Item I give unto all my godchildren Three shillings foure pence to each one of them Item I give unto Phillipp Jolliffe my Servant ten shillings And my will and meaning is that all those last recited legacies shalbe paid by my executor within one yeare likewise of my death Lastly all the rest of my goods and Chattles not heretofore given I give and bequeath unto John Hicks my eldest Sonne whom I doe make constitute and ordaine to be my Sole and onlie Executor of this my last will and Testament whose Speciall care I desire in the Speedy payment of all such debts as I shall Stand ingaged at the time of my death And to that purpose I desire Nicholas Hicks and John Dangley of Lawannicke to be my overseers and assistants in counsell unto my said executor for the better execution of this my last will and Testament Provided allwiaes that if either of my youngest Sonnes happen to dye before his legacie become due That then him that shalte then liveinge shall have the halfendeale only of that legacie the other halfe to remaine to the benifitt of my said executor In witnes whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale yeaven the first day of November In the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fifty fower: John Hicks. Sealed Signed and published in the presence of John Gregley John Hay the Signe of Andrew Wadge

The third Day of the moneth of December in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fiftie Sixe A Commission or letters of Administrator Issued forth to Nicholas Hicks and John Dangley overseers and assistants named in the last will and Testament of John Hicks late of Alternon in the County of Cornwall deceased To administer all amd singuler the goods Chattles and debts of the said deceased accordinge to the tenor and effect of this his last will and Testament For the Sole use benifitt and behoofe and dureinge the minority and monange of John Hicks a minor the naturall and lawfull Sonne of the said deceased and Sole executor named in his said will They the said Nicholas Hicks and John Dangley beinge first Sworne in due forme of lawe by vertue of a Commission well and truely to administer the same.

(In the right margin, translated from Latin)
The above written will was proved in London before the Venerable Sir William Mericke, knight, Doctor of Laws, Commissary etc on the 22nd day of July in the year of our Lord 1665, on the oath of John Hickes, son & executor etc to whom etc, well etc by virtue of a commission (the rest is difficult to give a word for word translation but it is saying) John Hicks is now of age and has been obliged to get a probate grant to execute his late father's will.