

instruments; but at my age life is precarious, and were I to have them condensed, redrawn, and re-executed, the most important part of the whole might fail under the operation of the ill-conceived, inconvenient, and mischievous law (resulting from a narrow sectarian spirit) which avoids all gifts to literary or religious institutions made and witnessed within a calendar month or the termination of a testator's life, no matter what his mental capacity may have been. To avoid the possibility of such a result, I must let it stand as it is, and add other provisions as they may occur to me.

*Twenty-seventh.* If any annuitant in any codicil to my last will named, whose residence is in the United States of America, shall leave this country after my death to remain either temporarily or permanently abroad, I will and direct that their respective annuities shall be suspended until their return; and the several half yearly payments becoming due during their absence shall fall into and become part of my residuary estate.

*Twenty-eighth.* I desire my executor to be allowed a commission of three per cent. upon the administration of my estate; and, in the case of the death of my brother-in-law, HENRY J. WILLIAMS, whom I have named as my executor in my last will, either before or after me, I nominate and appoint Colonel Alexander Biddle and Thomas Craven to be my executors in his room. They are not, however to assume the executorship, or be qualified therefor, until after his death, resignation, or refusal to act.