

The maker was nearly eighty years old. He made the expected trip, returned safely and died shortly afterwards. *Held*, 1st. That the paper ought to be admitted to probate as a will. 2d. That parol proof respecting the testator's purpose and efforts to provide for his daughter, in anticipation of his trip, was admissible for the purpose of determining whether that condition of mind, which the law regards as testamentary, existed: *Kelleher v. Kernan*, 60 Md.

Undue Influence—What constitutes.—The influence which will avoid a will must be exerted to such a degree as to amount to force or coercion in destroying free agency; it must not be the influence of affection or attachment, nor the mere desire of gratifying the wishes of another, for that would be a very strong ground in favor of a testamentary act, and there must be satisfactory proof that the will was obtained by coercion or by importunities which could not be resisted, so that the motive was tantamount to force or fear: *Layman v. Conrey*, 60 Md.

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