

Southampton County (to wit)

Sho. commission of Virginia to James Hellen and
James Blount Justices of the peace where Thomas Gilliam and
his wife have by their certain Indenture of bargain and sale under
the B.C. day of October 1802 conveyed unto Benjamin Wren of the
County of Surfer the fee simple estate of and in two hundred and some
negro boys of Law with the appurtenances lying and being in the County
of Southampton and whereas the said Sally Gilliam cannot compare
-entry to the Court of our said County of Southampton to be
-swear the same therefore we do give you power to receive the Ack-
-nowledgment which the said Sally Gilliam shall be willing to
make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said
Indenture which is left to demand and we do therefore command
you to go personally to the said Sally Gilliam and receive the acknowl-
-edgment of the same and examine her privately and apart from her hus-
-band whether she hath acknowledged the said deed freely and voluntarily with-
-out the persuasion or threats of her husband and whether she is willing
the said Indenture be recorded in the Court of our said County of
Southampton and when you have examined her as aforesaid & taken her
deed and acknowledgment of the said Indenture then you must truly and openly
certify in how of under your hands and seals returning to us also the same
with the said Indenture annexed Witness James Hellen clerk
of our said County at his office this 30th day of September 1802
and in the 2^d year of the commonwealth

James Hellen D^y

By Nature of the writ in commission to us directed we the Sub-
scribes have personally waited on and examined Sally Gilliam wife of
Thomas Gilliam, and examined her privately and apart from her
husband, who hath acknowledged her deed made to the
said deed to be her act and deed, & that she was
freely and voluntarily without the threat or persua-
sion of her husband and that she was willing the same should
be recorded in the County Court of Southampton, also which we certify
under our hands and seals this 2^d day of
October 1802. This instrument was proved by the
subscribes Richard P. Clement & Nathaniel Nichols two of the witnesses thereto
a commission of the said James Hellen and sent to
it on the 11th of February 1803. This instrument was also read by Thomas
Gilliam and acknowledged to be correct

James Hellen D^y