

151 Indampm^{ts} County (to copy)

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Charles Briggs & J^r.
 Ruffin Gentlemen Justices of the Peace for the County of afores^d. Whereas
 Benj. Drew and Polly his wife have by their Certain Indenture of
 bargain and sale dated the 18th day of October 1803 conveyed unto
 Thomas Gray of the County afores^d the fee simple estate of and in 216
 acres of land and whereas the s^d Polly cannot conveniently travel to the
 Court of said s^d County to Ackⁿ the same. Therefore we do give to you power
 to receive the acknowledgment which the s^d Polly shall be willing to
 make before you of the conveyance afores^d contained in the s^d Inden-
 ture which is hereto annexed and we do Command you to go Personal-
 ly to the s^d Polly and examine her privately and apart from her husband
 whether she hath executed the s^d deed freely and voluntarily with the
 Pursuance of the will of her s^d husband, and whether she is willing the
 same should be recorded in the Court of said s^d County of S^dampton, and
 when you have examined her as afores^d and taken her acknowledgment
 of the same that you distinctly and openly Out of in her of your
 hands and seals, returning to us, also this written Certificate s^d Indenture
 annexed. Witness Sam^l Wadell Clerk of our s^d Court at his Office the
 8th day of Septem^r. 1803 And in the 28th year of the Commonwealth

Sam^l Wadell C^k.

1803 Decem^r 6th In obedience to the within Commission, we who are
 our humble annual Justices of the Peace for the County of S^dampton at the
 House of Benj. Drew have Cause to Come before us the within named
 Polly Drew who being examined Separately and apart from her husband
 &c. freely and and voluntarily relinquished her Claim & Right to the
 within named tract of Piece of land —

J^r. Ruffin (Clerk)
 Charles Briggs (Clerk)

Whereas (as of the County of S^dampton the 17th day of October 1803 the
 Indenture is approved by the oath of Rich^d. Wain one of the Just^s of the
 Peace for the County the 19th day of Dec^r 1803 This Indenture
 is further proved by the oaths of J^r. Ruffin and Charles Briggs to the
 effect that to and with a Commission and Certificate was returned and read
 to be Read &c.

Sam^l Wadell C^k.