

For my own Security & with

Two Commoners called of Virginia to Robert

dealy and Byrd & my Son John in Justice of the Peace where as Mrs Reese
 and Rebecca Reese have by their Certain Indenture of bargain and sale
 dated the 18th day of May 1804 Convey unto Zebulon Lewis of the County
 of Sampson the fee simple estate of and in a Certain tract or parcel of
 land Situate lying and being in the County of S^t. John Containing by Estimate
 240 Acres be the same more or less, and where as the said Rebecca cannot
 conveniently travel to the Court of our said County to acknowledge the same
 therefore we do give to you power to receive the Acknowledgment which the
 said Rebecca shall be willing to make before you of the Conveyance
 aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which is hereto annexed and we do
 then give Command you to go personally to the said Rebecca and receive her
 Acknowledgment of the same and examine her privately and a part from her
 whether she hath executed the said deed freely and Voluntarily with the free
 assent or consent of her said husband, and whether she is willing the said
 Indenture should be recorded in the County of S^t. John, and when you
 examine her as aforesaid and take her Acknowledgment of the said Indenture
 that you Distinctly and openly Certify us how of under your hand and seals returning
 to us also this writ with the said Indenture Annexed — *Wm Wells* Sam^l Clerk
 of our said Court at his office the 18th day of April 1804 and in the 2nd
 year of the Commonwealth — *Sam Wells*

By Virtue of the Within Commission to us the Subscribers directed, we have
 privately and apart from her husband Mrs. Reese received the Acknowledgment
 of Rebecca Reese wife of said Mrs. Reese who freely and Volun-
 tarily Acknowledged the annexed Indenture without any persuasion
 or threat of her said husband and are willing the said Indenture should
 be recorded in the County Court of S^t. John given under our hands and seals the
 18th day of May 1804 — *Robert dealy* *Byrd*
J. Byrd

At a Court held for the County of S^t. John the 25th day of May 1804 This
 Indenture was acknowledged by John Reese only with a Commission and copy
 of the return and ordered to be recorded — *Sam Wells*