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Signed, Sealed and delivered
In presence of
James Miller
Saml. Blunt
Abel Lewis

Benjamin W Johnston *Seal*
Mary Johnston *Seal*

Stamilton County (to wit)

The Commonwealth of Virginia to James Miller

and Samuel Blunt Gentlemen Justices of the peace Whereas Benjamin W Johnston
and Mary his wife have by their certain Indenture of bargain and sale dated the 2^d day
of August 1804 conveyed unto Nathaniel Pitty of the County of Southampton the fee sim-
ple estate of and in to certain tract or parcel of land Situate lying and being in
the County of Southampton containing by Estimation One half acre of land to the same
more or less and whereas the said Mary has not lawfully come unto the Court of
the said County to acknowledge the same Therefore we do give to your power to receive the
acknowledgment which the said Mary shall be willing to make before you of
the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which is here to annex
and we do thus for reasons you to go personally to the said Mary and receive
her acknowledgment of the same and examine her privately and apart from her husband
Whether she hath executed the said deed fully and voluntarily without the Pres-
sure or the entreaty of her said husband and Whether she is well in of the said
Indenture Sheweth be recorded in the County Court of Southampton And when you
have examined the aforesaid and taken his Acknowledgment of the said Indenture
that you may certify hereof under your hands and Seals recording
the same with the said Indenture Amongst Writings Saml. Kelle Clerk
of said Court at his Office the 31st day of July 1804 and in the 2^d year of
the Commonwealth —

Saml. Kelle *Seal*

By Virtue of the Virginia Commission to us annexed No. the Subscribers have
personally waited on the Mary Johnston wife of Benjamin W Johnston and as-
her privately and apart from her said husband who hath acknowledged her husband
and she is the annexed does to her but and does not that she executed the
same freely and voluntarily without the threat or persuasion of her said husband and
that she is willing the same should be recorded in the County Court of Southampton
and that we certify hereof with witness under our hands and Seals this 6th day
of August 1804

James Miller *Seal*
Saml. Blunt *Seal*