

to the said Lucy and examined her privately and apart from her husband and whether she hath released the said and freely and voluntarily without the persuasion or threats of her said husband & whether she is willing the same should be recorded in the County Court of Southampton, and when you have examined her as aforesaid & taken her acknowledgments of the same that you doth truly & openly certify us hereof under your hand & seals, returning to us also this writ with the said Indenture under'd, Witness Samue Kees Clerk of our said Court this 9th day of Jan^y 1806 in 31st year of the Commonwealth -

Sam. Kees

Southampton County Secy

In Obedience to the within command to us directed, we have waited on the within named Lucy Mursley & examined her privately & apart from her husband & she is willing that the annex'd deed, shall be recorded in the County Court of Southampton, Given under our hand & seals this 17th day of Aprill 1806 -

Charles Birdsey Esq
Henry Blount Esq

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 15th day of April 1806 this Indenture was acknowledged by George Mursley, and with the Commission for the priy, examination of Mr. Lucy Mursley and certificate of its execution returned is ordered to be Recorded -

Sam. Kees

Writ
to
London

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting, Know ye that I Faithful Bailiff of the County of Southampton, believing that all mankind are by nature equally free, do hereby emancipate and set free, one negro man and woman between aged about fifty years, as fully as if he had been born free, and I do for myself, my heirs & assigns to the said slaves his full & complete freedom against the claim of all persons whatsoever In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this twentieth day of April 1806.

Procl^{am} & advice
In presence of
Ephraim
Esaiah Murrey
Richard Blount
Maurice Murrey

Writ
to
Southampton
mark

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 15th day of April 1806. This writ of emancipation was proved by the oaths of Ephraim Murrey & Richard Blount two of the witnesses Murrey & ordered to be Recorded

Sam. Kees