

269 which is hereto annexed, but we do command you to go personally to the said Marguerite and examine her privately and apart from her said husband, whether she hath executed the said deed freely and voluntarily without the persuasion or threat of her said husband, and whether she is willing the said Indenture should be recorded in the Court of our said County of Southampton, and when you have examined her as aforesaid and return her acknowledgment of the same that you solemnly certify, in writing under your hand & seals returning to us also this writ with the said Indenture annexed, Witness Myself Clerk of our said Court at his office the 28th day of January 1807 and in the 35th year of the Commonwealth

Saml Wells

Southampton County Set

By Writ of a commission to us directed, we did on the 17th of February 1807, travel personally on Mrs Marguerite Simmons at the town of Michoud Lane and did then and there examine her privately and apart from her husband Peter Simmons, taking the annexed oath, which she acknowledges to have executed freely & voluntarily without the threats or persuasions of her said husband, and that she is willing the same should be recorded in the County Court of Southampton, Hence under our hand

and seal the atts above written

Saml Wells

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At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 20th day of April 1807
This Indenture was proved by the oaths of Edward Williams, Henry Smith, John Applewhite, the witnesses hereto, and with a commission for a proper examination of Mrs Simmons & certificates of its execution returned is ordered to be recorded

Saml Wells

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This Indenture, made this 9th day of January 1807 between Benjamin M. Johnston and Mary his wife of Southampton County and State of Virginia of the one part and James Simms of same County and State of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Benjamin M. Johnston and Mary his wife, hath for and in consideration of the sum of three thousand dollars to them in hand paid or otherwise secured to be paid by the said James Simms the receipt of which they do hereby acknowledge, hath granted bargain sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said James Simms, his heirs and assigns forever all that part of the crop Wheat, called Bristle Wheat, which he purchased of E. L. G. by Billake, growing at a bushy tree on Little Meadows land and running S. 85 degrees east 108 poles to three black oaks a corner in James C. Blounts line, thence along said line S. 10 degrees east 68 poles to the Cabin branch, thence up the said branch S. 48 degrees West 28 poles thence along