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The Commonwealth of Virginia to Samuel Calvert & Buttman you
being whereas E. C. Williams and Lucy his wife have by their Invention of buying
and sale dated the 1st day of March 1807 conveyed unto John Branch free
negro the following estate of and in 74 1/2 acres of land lying and being in the Coun-
ty of Southampton and whereas the Dr. Lucy cannot conveniently travel to the court of
our Co. County to acknowledge the same therefore we do give to you power to receive
the acknowledgement which the Dr. Lucy shall be willing to make before you of the
Conveyance aforesaid contained in the said Invention which is hereto annexed and
we do command you to go personally to the Dr. Lucy and examine her privately &
apart from her husband whether she hath executed the said act freely and voluntar-
ily without the persuasion or threats of her said husband and whether she is
willing the said Invention aforesaid to be recorded in the court of the County of Southampton
Afore and when you have examined her as aforesaid that you distinctly Certify us
thereof under your hands & seals returning to us also this wife with the Dr.
Invention annexed witness & afft Clark of our said Court at his office
the 3rd day of Aug 1807 and 32 year of the Commonwealth
Southampton County To wit,

By Virtue of the within Commission to us directed we have cause to com-
mend Lucy Williams wife to E. C. Williams, and examined her
privately and apart from her said husband touching the act of Invention
here annexed which she the said Lucy did before acknowledge to be her act
and act that the same was by her freely and voluntarily done without the
persuasion or threats of her said husband and that she is willing and an-
desires the same should be recorded in the County Court of Southampton Certified
under our hands and seals this 7th day of August 1807.

Sam'l Calvert & B. Peale

Cass Bowens & B. Peale

At a court held for the county of Southampton the 17th day of August
1807 this Invention was acknowledged by E. C. Williams party
hereto and with a commission for the proxy examination of
Mrs. Williams and a certificate of its execution returned is ordered
to be recorded