

of land unto him the said Alexander Meech his heirs executors assigns  
forever against themselves their heirs and all the claim and demands of all persons  
whatsoever. In witness whereof they have hereunto set their hands and affixed  
their seals the day and date first written —

Merr<sup>d</sup>? The words "River" in the tenth line from the top on the other side and the  
word "two" in the fourth line from the bottom of said side were interlined before this  
deed was signed by the parties —

Signed sealed & acknowledged

in the presence of —

Richard P. Clements,

Thomas Ridley Jr.

Southampton County Febt

Spratley Williams Seal

Polly D. Williams Seal

The Commonwealth of Virginia To Thomas Ridley Jr.  
and Richard P. Clements Gentlemen Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid  
whereas Spratley Williams and Mary his wife have by their certain Indentures  
of bargain and sale dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 1809 Conveyed unto Alexander  
Meech of the County of Southampton the fee simple estate of and in thirty  
two and one half acres of Land and whereas the said Mary cannot conveniently  
travel to the Court of our said County to acknowledge the same therefore we do give  
to you power to receive the acknowledgement which the said Mary shall be willing  
to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which  
is hereto annexed and we do command you to go personally to the said Mary  
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 same should  
be recorded in the County Court of Southampton and when you have examined  
her as aforesaid & taken her acknowledgement of the same that you distinctly  
and openly certify us thereof under your hands and seals returning to  
us also this writ with the said Indenture annexed. Witness Samuel Fieldo  
Clerk of our said Court at his office the ninth day of February 1809 &  
in the 33<sup>rd</sup> year of the Commonwealth —

Samuel Fieldo

February 20<sup>th</sup> 1809. Agreeable to the above Commission we the subscribers  
have taken the relinquishment of Mrs. Mary Williams agreeable to law  
Given under our hands the day above written —

Thomas Ridley Jr.

Richard P. Clements

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February  
1809. This Indenture was acknowledged by Spratley Williams party herein and with a  
Commission for the present examination of Mrs. Williams and a certificate of its  
execution returned is ordered to be received —