

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Carr Bowers & James Clayton Justices of the peace greeting, whereas James Jones and Caty his wife have by their certain Indenture of bargain and sale dated the 29th day of April 1811 conveyed unto Joseph M. Ballance of the County of Albemarle the fee simple estate of and in 100 acres of land and whereas the said Caty Jones 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 Caty Jones shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which is hereto annexed and we do therefore Command you to personally to the said Caty Jones and receive her acknowledgement of the same and examine her privately and apart from her husband whether she hath executed the said deed freely and voluntarily without compulsion or threats of her 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 and taken their acknowledgements of the said Indenture that you distinctly and openly certify in writing under your hands and seals returning to us also this writ with the said Indenture annexed Witness Samuel Rice clerk of our said Court at his Office the 18th day of March 1811 in the 35th year of the Commonwealth.

J. B. Minton D.C.

Southampton County, Va.

In Obedience to a Commission to us directed we have personally gone to Caty Jones wife of James Jones and examined her privately and apart from her husband and at the house of the said James Jones whether she hath freely and voluntarily without the persuasion or threat of her husband executed the annexed Indenture and whether she be willing the same should be recorded and do certify that she acknowledged the same was executed by her without the persuasion or threat of her husband and that she is willing the same should be recorded given under our hands and seals this first day of May 1811.

Carr Bowers

James Clayton

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 22^d day of May 1811 This Indenture was acknowledged by James Jones party thereto and with a Commission for the foregoing examination of Mrs. Caty Jones and a certificate of its execution returned and ordered to be recorded.

Samuel Rice