

Southampton County (1811)

The Commonwealth of Virginia to John C. Pray and Richard B. Kello Gentlemen Justices of the peace for the County of Southampton whereas Elizabeth Branch Drury Branch and Lucretia his wife Jesse Branch & Elizabeth his wife have by their ~~common~~ Indenture of bargain and sale dated the 8th day of December 1810 conveyed unto John Drister of the county of Southampton the fee simple estate of and in acres of land and whereas the said Crosey Eliz^a and Martha Connot Comminently travel to the Court of our said County to acknowledge the same we do therefore give to you power to receive the acknowledgement which the said Crosey Eliz^a and Martha shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which is thus our mine And we do therefore command you to go personally to the said Crosey Eliz^a and Martha and examine them privately and apart from her husband whether she hath executed the said Indenture freely and voluntarily without the persuasions or threats of her husband and whether she is willing the said Indenture should be recorded in the court of our said County aforesaid and when you have examined her as aforesaid and taken her acknowledgments of the said Indenture that you distinctly and openly certify us thereof in our said Court under your hands and seals returning to us also the said Indenture and this writ Witness Sam^l Kello clerk of our said Court at his Office the 17 day of Dec^r 1810 Done in the 30th year of the commonwealth Samuel Kello

Southampton County Jct

Agreeably to a Commission to us directed we have personally waited on Mrs Elizabeth Branch wife of Jesse Lucretia Branch wife of Drury Branch & Martha Worren wife of John Worren and have examined them privately and apart from their said husbands and they acknowledge before us that they had executed the said deed freely and voluntarily without the persuasions or threats of their said husbands and that they were willing the said Indenture should be recorded in the Court of the said County of Southampton Given under our hands & seals the 10th day of June 1811

Richard B. Kello

John C. Pray

At a Court held for the county of Southampton the 17th day of June 1811 This Indenture was proved by the Oath of John C. Pray Elias Summerell and Samuel Bailey three of the Magistrates hereto and with a commission for the foregoing examination of Mrs Lucretia Branch Martha Worren and Elizabeth Branch and a certificate of its