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The Commonwealth of Virginia to James Clayton & James Jones
Gentlemen Justices of the peace for the County of Southampton -
Greeting Whereas Arthur Bowin and Martha his wife have by
their certain Indenture of bargain and sale dated the 17th day of
December 1811 Conveyed unto James Griffin of the County of South-
ampton the fee Simple estate of and in a certain tract or parcels
of Land Situate lying and being in the County of Southampton containing
by estimation 35 Acres be the same more or less and whereas the
said Martha Bowin cannot conveniently to the Court of our
said County to acknowledge the same therefore we do give to you
power to receive the acknowledgements which the said Martha Bowin
shall be willing to make before you of the Conveyance aforesaid -
containing in the said Indenture which is hereto annexed, and we do
therefore Command you to go personally to the said Martha Bowin
and receive her Acknowledgement of the Conveyance aforesaid and
examine her Privately and apart from her said husband whether
she hath Executed the said Indenture 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
and taken Acknowledgement of the said Indenture, that you
distinctly and openly certify us thereof under your hands and seals
returning to us also this writ with the said Indenture hereto
annexed Witness Samuel Kello clerk of our said Court at his
Office the 15th day of March 1812 in the 30th year of the Common-
wealth

Sam Kello

Agreeable to a Commission to us directed we have personally
to Martha Bowin wife of Arthur Bowin and have examined
her privately and apart from her said husband whether
she did freely and voluntarily acknowledge the annexed Indenture
without the persuasion or threat of her said husband, and do
hereby certify that she did acknowledge the same freely and volun-
tarily without the persuasion or threat of her husband and that
she is willing the same should be recorded in the County
Court of Southampton

James Clayton

James Jones