

The Commonwealth of Virginia to George Hines and Henry Briggs Gentlemen justices of the peace for the county of Southampton greeting whereas William Briggs and Mary his wife by their certain Indenture of bargain and sale bearing date the 6th day of July 1812 conveyed unto Benjamin Williams of the county of Southampton the fee simple estate of and in a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Southampton containing by estimation sixty three acres be the same more or less & whereas the said Mary Briggs 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 Briggs 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 go personally to the said Mary Briggs and receive her acknowledgment by 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 of Southampton and when you have examined her as aforesaid and take her acknowledgment 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 annexed Witness Sam^l Wells clerk of our said court at his office the day of 1812 and 36th year of the Commonwealth in

Sam^l Wells Clk

Southampton County J^{ts}

Agreeable to the within Commission to us directed we have personally waited on Mrs Mary Briggs wife of the within named William Briggs and examined her privately and apart from her said husband and she acknowledged that she executed the said Indenture freely and voluntarily without the persuasion or threat