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as aforesaid and taken her acknowledgment of the same that  
you distinctly and openly certify us thereof under your hands  
and seals returning to us also this writ with the indentures  
annexed. Witness Samuel Wells clerk of our said court at his  
office the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 1811 and in the 35<sup>th</sup> year of the  
Commonwealth.

State of North Carolina Lincoln County

Agreeable to a commission to us directed  
the subscribing Justices of the county aforesaid, we have met  
at the dwelling house of Robert Merrill in the county aforesaid  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1811 We therefore certify that  
Rebecca Merrill did before us sign seal and acknowledge  
the said deed and bargain of land and that we have  
privately examined her apart from her said husband and  
she confesses that she executed the said deed freely and volun-  
tarily without the persuasion or threats of her said husband  
and further saith that she is willing the said deed shall  
be recorded in the County court of Southampton state of  
Virginia. We the subscribing Justices do hereby certify  
the above examinations freely and voluntarily acknowledged  
by the said Rebecca Merrill In Witness whereof we have  
hereunto set our hands and seals the day and date above  
Written.

John Turbeyfill *JP*

Thos Wheeler *JP*

Jesse Perkins *JP*

State of North Carolina Lincoln County

I Daniel M Fomeray clerk of Lincoln County  
court of pleas and quarter Sessions in the state aforesaid do  
hereby certify that John Turbeyfill Thomas Wheeler and  
Jesse Perkins Esquires before whom the above examination  
was taken are acting Justices assigned to keep the peace in and  
for the said county of Lincoln and state aforesaid and that due  
faith and credit ought to be given to their attestations as such  
Given under my hand and seal of office this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November  
ad 1811 and in the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the American Independence  
Daniel M Fomeray c.l.