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unto Mr Phelps of the county of Southampton the fee simple
estate of and an in a certain tract or parcel of land situate
lying and being in the county of Southampton containing by
estimation two hundred and nine acres be the same more or
less and whereas the said Martha E Fort cannot conveniently
travel to the court of our said county to acknowledge the same
therefore we do give to you power to receive the acknowledgment
which the said Martha Fort 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 Martha and receive her acknowledgment
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 Southamp-
ton and when you have examined her as aforesaid and taken
her acknowledgment of the said Indenture that you distinctly
and openly certify us thereof under your hands and seals re-
turning to us also this writ with the said Indenture hereto
annexed. Witness Samuel Kells clerk of our said court at
his office the 16th day of March 1812 and 36th Year of the
Commonwealth
S Kells

Southampton County Jct.

Agreeable to the within commissions to us directed we have per-
sonally waited on Mr Martha E Fort wife of the within named
Joshua Fort and examined her privately and apart from her said
husband and she acknowledged that she executed the said In-
denture freely and voluntarily without the persuasion or
threat of her said husband and that she is willing the