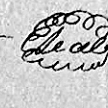


the claim and demand of any person or persons whatsoever 98
claiming by from or under them - In Testimony whereof
we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year first
above written -

Signed Sealed & acknowledged

John Shields 

William Love

Sally Shields 

Samuel Ketchen

John Maddie

Southampton County Va

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Rich^d B Kello and John
C Gray gentlemen justices of the peace for the County of South
ampton aforesaid greeting whereas John Shields & Sally his
wife have by their certain Indenture of bargain and sale
bearing date the 28th day of January 1812 conveyed unto
Rice B Pierce of the county of Southampton the fee simple
estate of and in fifty two acres of land know ye that where
as the said Sally 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
Sally 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 Sally and receive her acknowledgement of the same
and examine her privately and apart from her husband whe
ther she hath executed the said Indenture freely and voluntarily
without the persuasion or threats of her said husband and whether
she is willing the said deed shall be recorded in the County
Court of Southampton and when you have examined her
as aforesaid and taken her acknowledgement of the same
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 Kello Clerk of our said Court
at the Court house the 30th day of January 1812 and in
the 36th Year of the Commonwealth Sam^l Kello