

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Henry Buggs and James Jones gentlemen Justices of the peace for Southampton County greeting whereas Benjamin Devany and Dorothy his wife by their certain Indenture of bargain and sale bearing date the 3rd day of December 1813 have sold and conveyed unto Matthew Williams fifty acres of land with the appurtenances lying and being in the county of Southampton and whereas the said Dorothy cannot conveniently travel to our county court of Southampton to make acknowledgment of the said conveyance therefore we do give unto you or any two or more of you power to receive the acknowledgment which the said Dorothy 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 that you do personally go to the said Dorothy and receive her acknowledgment of the same and examine her privately and apart from the said Benjamin her husband whether she doth the same freely and voluntarily without his persuasion or threats and whether she is willing that the same should be recorded in our county court of Southampton aforesaid and when you have received her acknowledgment and examined her as aforesaid that you distinctly and openly certify us thereof in our said county court under your seals sending therewith the said Indenture and this with Witness Sam^l R. Schell Clerk of our said court at his office the 2nd day of November 1813 and 38th year of the Commonwealth

James Rochelle

Agreeable to a commission to us directed bearing date the 2nd day of November 1813 We have Personally gone to Dorothy Devany at the house of the said Benjamin Devany and both examined her privately and apart from her said husband whether she did assent the annexed Indenture freely without the persuasion or threat of her husband and we do hereby certify that she did acknowledge the same freely and voluntarily without the persuasion or threat of her said husband and that she is willing the same should be recorded in the County court of Southampton given under our hands and seals this 3rd day of December 1813

James Jones
Henry Buggs