

Southampton County to wit

The Commonwealth of Virginia
 William Harrison and Meajah Builders gentlemen
 of the place in and for the county of Franklin and state of
 North Carolina greeting whereas Brittain Harris and Martha
 his wife of the said state and county have by their certain Indenture
 of bargain and sale bearing date the 20th day of October one
 thousand eight hundred and thirteen conveyed unto Edwin Beck
 of the county of Southampton and state of Virginia the full
 ample estate of and in eighty six acres of land lying and being
 in the county of Southampton and state of Virginia it being
 that lot and parcel of land lying on the north side of Stollons
 River which was assigned to the said Brittain Harris and
 Martha his wife in right of his wife Martha in the tract
 of land of which Edwin Williams late of said county of Hampden
 seized and possessed known in the division of said land by lot
 N^o one which was assigned the said Harris wife by Commissioners
 appointed by said county court of Southampton and whereas the said
 Martha cannot conveniently travel to our county court of Hampden
 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 Martha 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 Martha and receive
 her acknowledgment of the same and examine her privately and
 apart from the said Brittain Harris her husband whether
 she doth the same freely and voluntarily without his persuasion
 or threats and whether she is willing that the same shall be
 recorded in our county court of Southampton aforesaid
 and when you have ^{received her acknowledgment} examined her as aforesaid that you dis-
 tinctly and openly certify us thereof in our said county court
 under your seals sending then where the said Indenture and
 this writ - Witness Samuel Kelle Clerk of our said county
 court of Southampton at his office the 20th day of October
 1813 and 38th year of the Commonwealth
 Samuel Kelle & Co