

Virginia Southhampton County of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The Commonwealth of Virginia
to Frances Dancy and Pusey Ritchie and gentlemen Justices
of the peace for the county of Northampton and state of North
Carolina greeting whereas Ethelred Smith and Sally his wife
of the county last mentioned hath by their certain indentures
bargain and sale bearing date the 24th day of January 1844
sold and conveyed unto Allen Jones of the county of Southampton
and state of Virginia eight hundred and sixty five half acres
of land more or less with the appurtenances lying and being
in the county of Southampton and state of Virginia and
whereas the said Sally Smith cannot conveniently travel to
the court of your said County of Southampton to acknowledge
the same conveyance Therefore we do give unto you the power
to receive the acknowledgment which the said Sally Smith
is willing to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained
in the said Indentures which is hereto annexed and we do thereby
command you to go personally to the said Sally Smith and receive
her acknowledgment of the same and examine her privately
and apart from the said Ethelred Smith her husband whether
she hath executed the said deed freely and voluntarily without
the persuasions or threat of her said husband if whether she
be willing that the same shall be recorded in the court of
the county of Southampton and when you have received her acknow-
ledgment and examined her as aforesaid that you distinctly
under your hands and seals returning to us also this writ
the said Indentures in Witness Whereof Samuel Wells clerk of our
Court at his office the 25th January 1844 and in the 38th year
of the Commonwealth

State of North Carolina

Northampton County

In pursuance of the annexed Com-
mission we Frances Dancy and Pusey Ritchie have
perused to examine Sally Smith wife of Ethelred Smith
privately and apart from her said husband touching the sale
of a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the
county of Southampton and state of Virginia agreeably to the
said and the said Sally hath confessed before us that she
did and she own free will and consent signed and sealed the aforesaid
said without any Compulsion measure on the part of her
said husband Ethelred Smith Given under our hands and