

the full simple estate of and in three hundred acres of land lying
and being in the county of Southampton and state of Virginia
and whereas the said Ann cannot conveniently travel to the
Court of our said County to acknowledge this same we do there-
fore give power to you to receive the acknowledgment which
the said Ann shall be willing before you of the conveyance
aforesaid which is contained in the said Indenture which is
hereto annexed and we do Command you to go personally to the
said Ann and examine her privately and apart from her said
husband whether she hath executed the said deed freely and vo-
luntarily without the persuasion or threat of her said husband
and when you have examined her as aforesaid and taken her
acknowledgment of the same that you openly certify us thereof
returning to us this writ with the said Indenture annexed
Witness Samuel Keller clerk of our said Court at his office the
29th day of February 1844 and 38th year of the Commonwealth
Southampton County Va. James Richell D.C.

Agreeably to the within Commission do
as directed we have examined the within named Ann Gray
privately and apart from her said husband and she acknow-
ledges that she executed the said deed herunto annexed freely
and voluntarily without the threats or persuasions of her said
husband and is willing the same should be recorded in the
County Court of Southampton given under our hands and
seals this 7th day of March 1844. Henry Briggs C. C.
James Clayton C. C.

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 15th day
of August 1844. This Indenture having been acknowledged in
the Clerk's office by Thomas Gray partly thereto in pursuance of
an act of Assembly in such case made and provided and with
a bond sufficient for the private examination of Mrs. Ann Gray
and a Certificate of its execution returned and ordered to be recorded
Samuel Keller, Esq.