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The Commonwealth of Virginia to Thomas
Reddy Junr and Nathaniel Boush gentlemen justices of the peace for
the county of Southampton greeting whereas Nathaniel Foster and
Harriet his wife by their certain Indenture of bargain and sale have
and do state the twentieth day of March 1814 have to said conveyed unto
Benjamin Lewis of the county of Southampton two hundred acres of
land with the appurtenances lying and being in the County of
Southampton and whereas the said Harriet cannot conveniently travel
to our County Court of Southampton to make acknowledgment of the
said conveyance: Therefore we desire to you or any two or more of you
power to receive the acknowledgment which the said Harriet
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 Harriet
and receive her acknowledgment of the same and examine her
privately and apart from the said Nathaniel Foster her husband
whether she doth the same freely and voluntarily without his persua-
sion or threats and whether she be willing that the same shall
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 writ. Witness James Rockelle clerk of our said court
at his office the 24th day of September 1814 and 39th year of
the Commonwealth. James Rockelle Clk

We have this day at the house of Nathaniel Foster agreeable
to a Commission to us directed bearing date the 24th day of
September 1814 taken the relinquishment of Mrs Harriet
Foster the wife of Nathaniel Foster agreeable to the
annexed Commission. Given under our hands & seals
the 29th day of September 1814 N^o Boush J^{ps} T^{ps}
Thos Reddy J^{ps} T^{ps}