

in consequence of the abuse and maltreatment of the said William Washington he abandon and forsake his heirs and shall be justified in so abandoning and forsaking the house of his heirs and the said William Washington in the opinion of the said John C. Bray and John Claydon or which ever of the same shall at that time be living, then and in that case the said slaves and with their future increase to be held by the said John C. Bray and John Claydon or the survivor for the use of the said Margaret her heirs and assigns forever to be disposed of by the said Margaret in as full and ample manner, as if the said Margaret were a free sole by the last will and testament executed in the manner permitted by the laws of this Commonwealth and the said William Washington doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said John C. Bray and John Claydon to warrant and defend the right and title in and to the said slaves to the said John C. Bray and John Claydon their heirs and assigns forever In Witness whereof the Parties hereto have this day and year above written hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals

In the presence of us

Rich<sup>d</sup> H. Hall

Bennet Stephens and

George Branch

Wm Washington

John C. Bray

John Claydon

Southampton County

In the Clerk's office April 17<sup>th</sup> 1815

This Indenture was proved by the oaths of Rich<sup>d</sup> H. Hall and George Branch two of the witnesses thereto in presence of an act of assembly in such case made and provided and admitted to record And also Clerk's file for the said County of Southampton the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1815 This Indenture was entered upon the proceedings of the day

Test James Rockwell