

Southampton County ^{In the judges office} This Indenture and the Certificate of Wm Earle of
and Richard H Edwards magistrates of the County of ^{Far} ~~Far~~
Certifying the acknowledgment of Wm Edwards and James Freymant
parties hereto In pursuance of an act of assembly in such case made
and provided for is committed to record - And at a Court held for the
said County of Southampton the 15th day of April 1816 This Indenture
and Certificate as aforesaid were entered upon the proceedings of the day
Teste
James Rockwell &c

Shields
to
Branch
Examined and
delivered to Edward
N Branch 7th
April 1816

This Indenture made this 18th day of March in the year of
the one thousand eight hundred and sixteenth between John Shields
of Southampton County of the one part and Edward N Branch of
the said County of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Shields
for and in consideration of the sum of Forty one dollars and 67 cents he
him in hand paid by the said Edward N Branch the receipt whereof
the said John Shields doth hereby acknowledge and therefore acquit
and discharge the said Edward N Branch his heirs executors and
administrators forever hath granted bargained sold aliened confirmed
and by these presents doth grant bargain sell alien and confirm
unto the said Edward N Branch his heirs and assigns one certain
tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Pamlico
and parish of Stottoway containing by estimation twelve and
half acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows
to wit beginning at a red oak in John Shields line thence N 81
E 37 pole to a persimmon tree a corner of Shields and Branch thence
N 12 East 102 pole to a plantain gum a corner of Richard Stephenson thence
N 37 W 37 pole to a pine a corner of said Richard Stephenson thence
N 30 W 76 pole to the first station and ^{also} all houses out houses ways
waters watercourses profits Commodities and appurtenances to the
same belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and
reversions remainder and remainders unto issues and profits thereof
and of every part thereof and all the estate right title Interest
claim and demand whatsoever of him the said John Shields of in
and to the same and every part thereof To have and to hold the said
tract or parcel of land and premises hereby granted bargained and sold
unto the said Edward Branch his heirs and assigns forever to the
Only proper use and behoof ^{him} the said Edward N Branch his heirs &
assigns and the said John Shields for himself his heirs executors &
administrators doth hereby confirming and agrees to and with the
said Edward N Branch his heirs executors and administrators that the
said tract or parcel of land with all and singularly the appur-
tenances thereunto belonging unto the said Edward N Branch his
heirs executors and administrators against him the said John Shields
his heirs executors and administrators and against all and every