

Virginia

Southampton County

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Ben Bowers and Benjamin Griffin gentlemen justices of the peace for the County of Southampton greeting Whereas Richard Murphy and his wife by their certain indentures of bargain and sale bearing date the 29th day of May 1816 have sold unto Abraham Gardner of the County of Southampton the hereunto being in the County of Southampton and whereunto the said Gardner cannot conveniently travel to our County Court of Southampton to make acknowledgment of the said Conveyance thereof we give to you or any two or more of your power to receive the acknowledgment which the said Emma Murphy shall be making 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 so personally go to the said Emma Murphy and receive her acknowledgment of the same and examine her freely and apart from the said Richard Murphy her husband whether she doth the same freely and voluntarily without her persuasion 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 as thereof in our said County Court under your seals sending them then the said indentures and this with

Witness James Rochelle clerk of our said Court at his office the 31st day of May 1816 and 40th year of the Commonwealth

James Rochelle

Southampton County to wit

We Ben Bowers and Benjamin Griffin Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid do hereby certify that the within named Emma Murphy personally appeared before us and declared she did willingly signed sealed the annexed indentures with out the persuasion or threats of her said husband and with her own free will and accord and that she had done it freely and voluntarily and wished not to retract it.

Given under our hands this 31st day of May 1816

Ben Bowers
Benjamin Griffin

Southampton County

In the Clerk's office James Rochelle
This indenture was acknowledged by Richard Murphy and in pursuance of an act of assembly in such case made provided for Commission for the free examination of the said Emma Murphy and a Certificate of its execution returned and as metted to record this at a Court held for the County of Southampton the 15th day of June 1816 This indenture as aforesaid was entered upon the records of the day

James Rochelle