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him the said Richard Murfee has here and assigns forever and they the
said Spencer Pierce and Emily his wife for themselves their heirs executors
administrators do and well by these presents warrant and forever
defend the said bargained premises with the appurtenances aforesaid
against the lawful claim or demand of all and every person or persons
whatsoever to have the said Richard Murfee has here and assigns forever
and to the only proper persons for the use of him the said Richard Murfee his heirs and assigns forever
In testimony whereof they the said Spencer Pierce and Emily his wife
have here set their hands and affixed their seals this day and year
before written

Spencer Pierce and acknowledged

Spencer Pierce
Emily Pierce

In the presence of
Wm. Lawrence
Joshua Whitney
Johnson Pope
Southampton County

Virginia

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Robert Thompson
Napley Webb and John Thompson gentlemen justices of the peace for the
County of Norfolk greeting whereas Spencer Pierce and Emily his wife by their
certain indenture of bargain and sale bearing date the 21st day of May
1816 have sold and conveyed unto Richard Murfee of the County of Southampton
and his heirs with part of a tract of land lying in the County of Southampton
called and known by the name of Little town in the whole 800 acres of land
more or less with the appurtenances lying and being in the County of
Southampton and whereas the said Emily Pierce cannot conveniently
travel to our County Court of Southampton to make acknowledgment
of the said Conveyance. Therefore we do give to you or any two or more
of you power to receive the acknowledgment which the said Emily Pierce
shall be willing to make before you of the Conveyance aforesaid
contained in the said Indenture which is hereto annexed and we do
thereby Command you that you do personally go to the said Emily Pierce
and receive her acknowledgment of the same and examine her privately
and apart from the said Spencer Pierce her husband whether she doth
the same freely and voluntarily without his 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
us thereof in our said County Court under your seals sending then there
the said Indenture and this writ. Witness James Rockelle Clerk of
our said Court at his office the 28th day of May 1816 and 40th year
of the Commonwealth

By Virtue of the within writs I am to us directed and do personally
go to the within named Emily Pierce wife of Spencer Pierce and
examine her privately and apart from her husband and before us she
do acknowledge the Indenture hereunto annexed to be her act and
and do declare that she did the same freely and voluntarily and
without the persuasions or threats of her said husband and that she
was willing the same should be recorded in the County Court of