

*Williams* **This Indenture** made this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December one  
to *Cook* *Tratta* Thousand eight hundred & Seventeen. Between Nathan Williams of the first part  
Lewis Morrell, Richard Blunt & Amos Harris of the second part & Lawrence  
Cock of the third part all of the county of Southampton & State of Virginia  
Witnesseth that whereas the said Lewis Morrell, Richard Blunt & Amos  
Harris hath in sundry cases become bound as security for the said Nathan  
Williams for the sum of two thousand dollars & whereas the said Nathan  
Williams is willing and desirous of securing the said Lewis Morrell, Rich.  
Blunt & Amos Harris in all & each of the above cases of security.  
Now this Indenture further witnesseth that the said Nathan Williams  
hath for & in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid  
by the said Lawrence Cook (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged both  
granted, bargained & sold & by these presents doth grant, bargain & sell unto  
the said Lawrence Cook his heirs, executors, assigns, former the following negroes  
(to wit) Cherry, Lydia, Dick, Rachel & Elizabeth and also one Ganey  
steele, two beds and furniture, five horses, ten heads of cattle & two yoke of oxen  
together with all their future increase & further the whole of my tract  
of Land containing four hundred & sixteen acres &  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an acre being and  
being in the aforesaid County of Southampton and the tract of Land  
whereon he now lives and bounded as followeth. Beginning at a light  
wood post in Lewis Morrell's line, thence along the said Morrell's line  
to a turkey oak in John Barrett's line, thence along the said Barrett's to  
a pine stump a corner in George Whitfield's line, thence along the said  
Whitfield line to a lightwood stump a corner at the fish road & in the  
land of Mrs. Barnes thence along the said Barnes's line to William Vick's  
line, thence along the said Vick's line to a black gum a corner in  
Drew Bryants line, then along the said Bryants line to a pine in the  
said Lewis Morrell's line, thence along the said Morrell's line to the  
beginning. To have and to hold of the aforesaid tract of land  
& the aforesaid Negroes & other property together with their future  
increase to him the said Lawrence Cook his heirs and assigns  
to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Lawrence Cook  
his heirs and assigns forever and the said Nathan Williams for himself  
his heirs, executors and assigns doth consent and agree to & with the said  
Lawrence Cook, that he will from time to time and at all times  
hereafter warrant and defend the right title and interest of the aforesaid  
tract of land negroes & other property herein before mentioned unto  
him the said Lawrence Cook his heirs and assigns forever upon this  
special trust and confidence nevertheless and to and for the use, intents  
& purposes following that is to say, that he the said Lawrence Cook  
at any time hereafter when he shall be requested by either of the parties  
made sale of the aforesaid fire, negroes & other property with their  
future increase together with the said tract of land at publick  
sale or so much thereof as to pay and satisfy each & every claim