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Henry Melsch  
to  
James Gray

This Indenture made and entered into this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December  
on the year 1828 Between Henry Melsch of the first part James Gray  
of the second part and Commonwealth of Virginia of the third part all  
of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia witnesseth that the said  
Henry Melsch for and consideration of the sum of  
which sum the said Henry Melsch will the said James Gray as his  
security doth swear to pay unto John N. Moore merchant in Newport by  
this bond bearing date the day on the year of our Lord 1828  
which said debt was incurred by him entirely for the benefit of the said  
Henry Melsch against which testimony of said James Gray the said  
Henry Melsch doth desire to secure him as well as all other monies  
which may be due and owing or may by any dealing  
transfer of debts or papers or by long securities or any  
baticutes of said James Gray for the amount of said Henry  
Melsch or any monies become due or owing as also for and considera-  
tion of the sum of one dollar so long in hand paid by the said  
James Gray as also for the further consideration of one hundred dollars  
to him in hands paid by the said Commonwealth of Virginia and the  
receipt whereof the said Henry Melsch doth hereby acknowledge hath granted  
bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell  
convey and make to the said Commonwealth of Virginia and his heirs  
forver all his right and interest in the following property (to wit)  
and tract of land lying between the S. end of said Farmers William  
about three and a half miles from Somersett containing 167 acres  
as per Deed or tract lying about one mile from Somersett on the road  
to Mount Pleasant meeting House purchased of his heirs - Thence  
containing 106 acres more or less the upper most building and a large shomby  
at Mabins a Slave house and lot in Mabins in which he at present  
lives stood together with all other property of any description whatever in  
possession of or interest for the said Henry Melsch & have and to hold with  
all the right and interest in said tract and other property herein  
conveyed or intended to be conveyed to him the said Commonwealth of  
Virginia his heirs and assigns forever upon his special trust nevertheless  
that the said Commonwealth of Virginia upon being thus required by  
the aforesaid James Gray shall proceed to sell all the right  
and interest of the said Henry Melsch to the above named land  
and other property hereby conveyed or intended to be conveyed after notice  
being given and placed in the said county a sufficient time  
for ten days previous at some publick office