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of hands to the said James Steele than the said Joseph Patterson his heirs and assigns shall hold the said land above granted to the sole and proper use and behoof of the said Mills Ward and the said Joseph Patterson covenants and agrees with the parties heirs that if the said Mills Ward his heirs Executors administrators shall fail to make payment to the said James Steele his heirs or assigns on or before the first day of November next the sum due on the state of hand aforesaid that then the said Joseph Patterson his heirs and assigns shall stand seized of the above granted and bargained premises for the purposes following that is to say that at the request of the said James Steele his heirs or assigns he the said Joseph Patterson his heirs Executors administrators and assigns or either of them shall give twenty days notice by bill of sale at Public Sale the above mentioned Land and shall pay the money arising therefrom to the said James Steele his heirs or assigns as far forth as shall be due and after satisfying the said state of hand interest and all the expenses arising or remaining from the said notice & sale shall pay the surplus money to the said Mills Ward or his assigns. Witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Signo sales and covenants
in presence of us
Charlton W Steele

Mills Ward Seal
James Steele Seal
Joseph Patterson Seal

Jonathan Steele
by Charles L. Partridge
in and for
Stafford County

In the clerk's office the 15th March 1822 This Indenture was act and signed by Charles Mills Ward and Joseph Patterson the parties hereto and submitted to record and at a Court held for the purposes and County of Southampton on the 10 April 1822 This Indenture as aforesaid was taken up before the proceedings of the day

Teste James R. Schellie &

Hand of
Mills Ward

Whereas Edmund L. Hart (of Southampton County Virginia as Guardian to his son Augustus M. Hart died on the 2nd day of January last past recovered the hands of Jacob Parden James D. Chapman and Cepha Warden commissioners appointed by the Court of the county aforesaid to sell the slaves which said 13 Delia and half sister of the said Augustus M. Hart was entitled to at the time of her death one month part of the net proceeds of the sale of the said slaves with the sum of eighty seven dollars and 8 1/2 cents payable on the 1st day of January next insuring the state thereof. Now therefore know all men by these presents that the said Edmund L. Hart for and in consideration of the premises aforesaid hath granted bargained sold and confirmed and by these presents for himself his heirs Executors and administrators doth grant bargain sell and confirm unto him the said Augustus M. Hart one Negro Girl slave named Maria together with her increase to have and to hold the said Negro Girl and her increase to him the said Augustus M. Hart and to his heirs and assigns forever and the said Edmund L. Hart doth for himself his heirs Executors and assigns warrant and well depend the said Girl and her increase against