

Bette This Indenture made and executed this fourth day of September in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and twenty four between Henry Bette of the first part Peter Edwards of the second part and Austin Middleton of the third part all of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia witnesseth that whereas the said Henry Bette stands mostly indebted to the said Peter Edwards by bond bearing several date with these presents for the amount of one hundred and eighty four dollars and eighty five cents as wherein expences and the said Henry Bette being willing and desirous to deserve to the said Peter Edwards the amount of the aforesaid bond and to assure and trust them as also to secure and save him himself from all damages or the payment of money wherein the said Peter Edwards stands bound as security for him the said Henry Bette as per Judgment rendered on the name of Sally Thomas for the benefit of Spotsy Williams he agreed them at Southampton August last. ¹⁸²⁸ ~~and further~~ ^{and further} ~~and further~~

that for and consideration of the circumstances of said as written for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar in hand paid the said Henry Bette by the said Austin Middleton the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge do hereby grant bargain sell and convey and by these presents doth grant bargain sell and convey unto the said Austin Middleton his heirs and assigns a certain tract of Land lying and being in the County of New Kent containing about forty acres be the same more or less and bounded by the side known bound the Land of Lucy Bette the Lands of Francis Nicholson formerly Bette the Lands of Anna Bette the lands of Eliza Bette the lands of Penyannum Hunt and the Lands of the said Peter Edwards with all and singular the houses buildings gardens and other improvements and appurtenances therunto belonging or appertaining as also all the right interest claim property or demand of him the said Henry Bette of and to the Land and plantation which his Grandfather Bette did leave and propose of his now in the possession of his Grand Mother Lucy Bette to have and to hold unto him the said Austin Middleton the aforesaid tract and parcel of Land also the aforesaid interest in the undivided tract of land wherein the said Lucy Bette now lies to him and his heirs and assigns in trust and upon his express condition that he the said Austin Middleton shall at the request of either of the parties thereto have Court given after giving at least ten days notice in law or their just cause in this County sell on the premises or elsewhere where the parties may direct the aforesaid tract of Land together with the interest in the undivided tract or so much thereof as will be sufficient to pay and satisfy the aforesaid debt due the said Peter Edwards and all cost attending thereon and the balance of any pay over to the said Henry Bette or his order and the said Henry Bette do hereby warrant and defend the right and title of the said lands unto the said Middleton or any other person or persons and the said Middleton do hereby warrant and agree to do any purpose what he has here undertaken In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written aforesaid.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence

Spotsy Williams
Joseph S. Ward
William Thorpe

Henry Bette
A. Middleton
Peter Edwards

Southampton County

In the Clerk's Office the 20th September 1824 This Indenture was made by the order of Spotsy Williams Joseph S. Ward and William Thorpe the witnesses herein and admitted to record and at a Court held for the aforesaid County of Southampton on the 15th Oct 1824 This Indenture as aforesaid was entered upon the records of the court

John Rockwell Esq