

John E. Mason his husband and a negro forever and the said Benjamin Lewis for himself and his heirs and assigns with the said John E. Mason and his heirs that to the said Mason and his heirs and assigns shall be and quiet possession of the premises aforesaid and that he the said Lewis will over to the said Mason and his heirs and assigns in fee simple to the same. In WITNESS whereof the said Benjamin Lewis has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the said day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered

Benj^a Lewis

In presence of

Joseph Williams

Robert L. Johnson

Robert Raley

17th day of May 1800

Southampton County In the Clerk's Office the 20th day of June 1800
This Indenture was acknowledged by Benjamin Lewis party thereto and admitted to record And at a Court held for the County aforesaid the 17th day of May 1800 The said Indenture was entered upon the records of the said

John E. Mason

Lewis

to

John E. Mason

This Indenture made and entered into this 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord 1800 between Benj^a Lewis of the County of Southampton of the first part Alexander P. Pate of the said County of the second part and John E. Mason of the third part Whereas the said Lewis party of the first part owing to the said Mason in the first term of seven hundred and fifty nine dollars and eight cents each Bond of Equal date with these presents and payable on demand and whereas the said Lewis is willing and desirous effectually to secure the payment of the said term of money with the interest which may accrue thereon from this Indenture it is hereby agreed and in full execution of the premises and of the sum of one dollar to him the said Lewis by the said Pate in hand paid before the signing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Benjamin Lewis his heirs and assigns and by these presents both bargain and grant and convey unto the said Pate a certain tract of land situated in the County aforesaid viz^t in his last Will to the said Benjamin Lewis excepting three hundred and fourteen acres one rood and 37 poles conveyed by the said Lewis to the said John E. Mason in fee simple of Equal date with these presents which original acres and lands are situated in the County aforesaid and supposed to contain subject to reservation hereof one thousand three hundred and ninety six and 1/2 acres To Have and to hold the said bargain and grant with appurtenances to him the said Alexander P. Pate and to his heirs and assigns forever Upon that condition that the said Lewis is to be permitted to retain possession thereof and to receive the rents and profits thereof and in case the said Lewis shall make default in paying the said term of money with the interest therein at the rate of six per centum per annum and the said Mason shall at the said Pate his heirs or assigns shall proceed to advertise the said tract of land herein contained to be conveyed for three months in some public newspaper in the town of Petersburg and in pursuance of such notice shall sell the tract of land and premises herein conveyed at public auction to the highest bidder for cash and of the proceeds of such sale shall pay first the expenses attending the execution of the Indenture then the debt and interest due to the said Mason or his heirs or assigns as may be due to the said Pate and the balance if any to the said Lewis or to his order and the said Benjamin Lewis covenants with the said Pate that he shall have a good and perfect title to the said premises in fee simple for the purposes aforesaid and the said Pate covenants with the said Mason that he will well and faithfully execute the first hereby comprised to him In Testimony whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written

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Benj^a Lewis

A. P. Pate

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