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Bland and wife vs Shephard Indenture made and entered into this 21st day of December in the year
of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty one Between Edwin B. Bland and
Martha his wife of the first part and John Shephard of the County of Southampton
of the second part. It componeth that the said Bland and wife for and in consideration
of the sum of twelve hundred dollars to them in front paid and the balance
seemed to be paid before the sealing and delivery of these presents which is by
them hereby acknowledged to have bargained sold and convey'd and by these presents
that B. Bland and wife do convey unto him the said John Shephard a certain tract
of land or part of land by me and my wife situated in the said County of Southampton containing
20th acre 1837 by a late Survey one hundred and ninety two acres to the same more or less being the same
land purchased by the said Claude of James Cooper and Araminta his wife as will
fully appear upon examination to be due and owing on record in the Clerks office of the
County of Southampton from the said Cooper and wife to the said Bland and son
by the hands of Benjamin Williams and the said Shephard mother and by the hands
of Orms A. Brown and Robert Mather in the month and year and the land of James
Cooper on the north to have and to hold the said granted premises with all appurte-
nances to him the said John Shephard and his heirs and assigns and to his and his
only son and his heirs of forever and the said Claude and wife for themselves and
their heirs or next of kin to and with the said John Shephard and his heirs that he
shall have and enjoy a good and perfect title to the said bargained premises and
quiet possession of the same In Testimony whereof they have hereunto set their hands
and seals the same day and year above written

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of me

Orms A. Brown

Peter Browne Southampton County Town

John Parker Attest James Myrick and Joseph T. Cland printers of the law
in the County of Southampton and State of Virginia do hereby certify that Martha
Bland wife of Edwin B. Bland aforesaid parties to a certain Deed bearing date the 21st of
December 1831 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us and after being examined
privately and apart from the other party and having the Deed aforesaid fully explained
to her she the said Martha Bland acknowledged the same to her all and her
and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that
she did not wish to retract it Given under our hands and seals this 9th day of
June 1832

James Myrick *(sig)*
Jos T. Cland *(sig)*

Southampton County Clerk's office the 19th day of June 1832
This Indenture was acknowledged by Edwin B. Bland and together with the Cpl.
cert. this 16th day of July 1832 by the party of the first part and by the party of the second part
for the County aforesaid the 16th day of July 1832. The said Indenture and Certificate were
entered upon the records of the County.

Seal James Rockwell *(sig)*