Southampton County S.C.

We Saml. B Hines & William Briggs two justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do hereby Certify that Martha Ann Brown the wife of Joseph Brown parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 9th day of March 1837 & hereby annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband and having the said deed explained to her she the said Martha Ann Brown acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 9th day of March 1837

Saml. B Hines (Seal)

William Briggs (Seal)

Southampton County In the Clerks office the 15th day of April 1837

This Deed of trust between Joseph Brown and wife Martha A his wife of the first part William Drewry of the second part and Howell A Atkins of the third part was acknowledged by the said Joseph Brown William Drewry Howell A Atkins to be their act and deed and together with the certificate annexed of the privey examination and acknowledgement of the wife admitted to Record

Test R. R. Edwards Clk

Griffin to Pretlow Trustee

Recorded & delivered to J J Pretlow.

This Indenture made this the 28th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven between Bennett J Griffin of the first part Thomas J Pretlow of the second part and Thomas Pretlow of the third part. Whereas the said Bennett J Griffin is justly indebted to the said Thomas Pretlow in the sum of four hundred and twenty dollars as by a note bearing date on the 28th of November 1837 more fully appears which debt with the legal interest thereon accruing the said Bennett J Griffin is willing and desirous to secure Now this indenture witnesseth that for and in consideration of the premises and also for the further consideration of one dollar of lawful money of the State of Virginia to the said Bennett J Griffin in hand paid by the said Thomas J Pretlow at & before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Bennett J Griffin hath given granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed released conformed and by these presents doth give grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release & confirm to the said Thomas J Pretlow & his heirs & assigns forever all that tract or parcel of Land lying and being in the County of Southampton and in the parish of Nottoway containing two hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less being the tract whereon I now live and bounded as follows on the East by the Land of Thomas Hunley on the west by Jethro Chandlers land on the North by George Johnson's and Thomas Hunley's & on the South by Thomas Joyner's & Matthew Wills's land. With all & singular the appurtenances to the said tract or parcel of Land belonging or in any wise appertaining & all the estate right title and interest of the said Bennett J Griffin in and to the said granted or intended to be hereby granted tract or parcel of Land & premises to have and to hold the said hereby granted tract or parcel of Land & its premises & its appurtenances unto the said Thomas J Pretlow his heirs executors and administrators forever and the said Bennett J Griffin for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth hereby Covenant promise and agree with the said Thomas J Pretlow his heirs executors administrators or assigns forever in manner and form following that is to say that the said Bennett J Griffin his heirs executors administrators or assigns the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land with its appurtenances & premises unto the said Thomas J Pretlow his heirs executors administrators or assigns against all persons whatsoever shall and will warrant & forever defend by these presents nevertheless that the said Thomas J Pretlow his heirs executors & administrators shall permit the said Bennett J Griffin to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of the said parcel of Land & premises with its appurtenances and take the profits thereof to his own use until default be made in the payment of the said sum of four hundred and Twenty dollars either in whole or in part of the same and Thomas Pretlow his heirs Executors administrators or assigns shall request sell the said tract or parcel of Land and premises with its appurtenances to the highest bidder for ready money after having given two days notice by advertising the same at the court house door or any other public place in the neighbourhood of the said Land and out of the monies arising from the sale shall after sales paying the charges thereof and all other expences attending the premises pay to the said Thomas Pretlow his heirs executors administrators or assigns the said sum of four hundred & twenty dollars with the interest which thereon may have accrued and the balance if any shall pay to the said Bennett J Griffin his heirs executors administrators or assigns. In Witness whereof the said parties of these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written