

This Indenture made and entered into this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1842 between Littleton R. Edwards of the one part and Edwards Butts of the other part both of the County of Southampton Whereas James Bell in order to provide for the payment of a certain sum of money due from him to Edwards Butts did by Indenture bearing date on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1837 or admitted to record in the Clerk's office of Southampton County on the same day convey unto the said Littleton R. Edwards his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns the following property to wit One tract of land containing fifty three & four fourth acres more or less bounded on the North by the road leading from Bell's place to Vick's Tavern by the lands of Alexander Briggs & others being the land the said Bell purchased of George H. Gray by deed bearing date the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834 also another tract of land containing one hundred and twenty eight acres more or less being the same devised to the said Bell by his father James Bell dec<sup>d</sup> also another tract or parcel of land which the said Bell purchased of Cooper Williams by deed dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1837 containing one hundred and six acres more or less and also another tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and thirteen acres more or less which the said Bell purchased of Commissioners appointed by a decree of the County Court of Southampton to sell the land of James Bell dec<sup>d</sup> In August nevertheless and with power and authority to the said Littleton R. Edwards to sell the said several tracts of land for the purpose of paying the said debt and the expenses attending the execution of the said Trust and whereas the said Littleton R. Edwards in execution of the trust confided to him (having first on the day and place of sale and given reasonable public notice thereof) did on this day (the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1842) set up and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for Cash the three last above mentioned tracts or parcels of land (the first being sold by Jeremiah Cobb under a deed of trust by George H. Gray on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834 to secure the payment of a debt due Henry Briggs) and at the sale so made Edwards Butts became the purchaser of the said three last above mentioned tracts or parcels of land & premises by bidding thereof the sum of three hundred dollars that being the highest bid made for the same. Now therefore this Indenture witnesseth that the said Littleton R. Edwards for and in consideration of the said sum of three hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Edwards Butts (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) hath granted, bargained & sold (and by these presents does grant bargain & sell unto the said Edwards Butts his heirs and assigns the said several three tracts of land herein last above mentioned and described together with the appurtenances therunto belonging or in anywise appertaining. To have and to hold the said three last above mentioned and described tracts or parcels of land & premises with their appurtenances unto him the said Edwards Butts his heirs and assigns forever And the said Littleton R. Edwards hereby covenants to & with the said Edwards Butts his heirs and assigns that he the said Littleton R. Edwards will warrant & defend the title to the premises hereby conveyed unto him the said Edwards Butts his heirs & assigns against the right title claim and demand of him the said Littleton R. Edwards and those claiming by through or under him but against no person or persons whomsoever In Testimony whereof the said Littleton R. Edwards hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day & year first herein  
 L. R. Edwards

Southampton County In the Clerk's office the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1843.  
 This deed of bargain & sale from Littleton R. Edwards to Edwards Butts was acknowledged by said Edwards and admitted to record  
 Juste Edwin D. Nash J.C.

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 Butts

Exam<sup>d</sup> & Del<sup>d</sup>.  
 E. Mills  
 July 29. 44