

Wm. P. Jr.  
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the County of Southampton and Henry Booth of the County of Southampton of the third part, whereas a marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized by the permission of God by and between the said Thomas Bevan and the said Elizabeth P.Branch and whereas the said Elizabeth P.Branch is possessed of a considerable personal estate consisting of negroes Household and Kitchen furniture Stock of hogs Stock of cattle Stock of horses Crop of corn and fodder and farming utensils of every kind and whereas it hath been agreed that the said Thomas Bevan should after the said intended marriage have receive and enjoy during the joint lives of them the said Thomas Bevan and Elizabeth P.Branch the interest and occupation of the said personal estate and also that the same and the interest and profits thereof from and after the decease of such of them the said Thomas Bevan & Elizabeth P.Branch as should first happen to die should be and at all times and only disposal of the said Elizabeth P.Branch notwithstanding her creation and whereas it hath been also agreed that in case the said Elizabeth P.Branch should after the said intended marriage had happen to survive the said Thomas Bevan that she should not have any claim or part of the real or personal estate whereof the said Thomas Bevan should be seized or possessed or entitled unto at any time during the coverture between them by virtue of her dower or title of dower at common law or by virtue of her being administrator or entitled to administration of the goods & chattels rights and credits of the said Thomas Bevan or otherwise however.

Now this Indenture witnesseth that in pursuance of the before recited agreement and in consideration of the sum of two shillings of lawful money of this Commonwealth to the said Elizabeth P.Branch in hand paid by the said Patrick H.Rolling and Henry Booth at and before the enrolling and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Elizabeth P.Branch by and with the privy consent and agreement of the said Thomas Bevan testified by his being made a party to and his sealing & delivering of these presents hath granted, bargained sold, assigned transferred and set over and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell assign transfer and set over to the said Patrick H.Rolling and Henry Booth their executors administrators and assigns all the said property consisting of negroes household and kitchen furniture Stock of hogs Stock of cattle Stock of horses, crop of corn & fodder and farming utensils of every kind. To have and to hold the said property hereby conveyed to the said Patrick H.Rolling and Henry Booth their executors administrators and assigns upon such trust nevertheless and to and for such intent and purpose and under such provisions and agreements as are herein after mentioned, that is to say, intent for the Elizabeth P.Branch and her assigns until the solemnization of the said intended marriage from and after the solemnization of the said intended marriage that upon trust they the said Patrick H.Rolling and Henry Booth their executors administrators and assigns shall do and permit the said Thomas Bevan during the joint lives of said Thomas Bevan and Elizabeth P.Branch his intended wife to have receive take and enjoy all the interest and profits of the said property hereby assigned to and for his own use and benefit and from and after the decease of such of them the said Thomas Bevan and Elizabeth P.Branch as shall first happen