

Southampton County in the Clerk's Office, the 18th day of March 1850
 This Deed of Bargain and Sale from Elizabeth Taylor Comptroller to Wm.
 Lyster was returned, and together with the Certificate of the acting
 Clerk of said County before two Justices of the Peace admitted to Record
 before J. H. Edwards, C. C.

This Indenture Tripartite made the sixteenth of March in the
 year eighteen hundred & fifty, between Henry Cook of the first part Martha
 Murrell, & Edw. and sister of Edmund Murrell deceased of the second
 part and Edward Bratton 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 Henry Cook and the said Martha Murrell;
 and whereas the said Martha Murrell is seized and possessed
 of a considerable real and personal estate, consisting of the tract of
 Land whereon the said Martha now resides & bounded by the Lands
 of John M. Neale and Henry Moore and several negro slaves namely
 Sam. Archer, Caroline, Eliza, Jimmy, Arthur, and several others,
 And whereas the said Martha Murrell before the solemnization
 and consummation of the said Marriage is anxious to settle upon and set
 apart for the separate and exclusive use and benefit of her son Jesse
 Murrell, all of the Lands whereof she is now seized &c, the whole
 tract on which she now resides bounded by the Lands of John M. Neale
 Henry Moore and others, and a portion of the slaves of which she is
 possessed: &c, all of these above specially mentioned (viz) Sam. Archer,
 Caroline, Eliza, Jimmy, and Arthur, And Whereas the said Henry
 Cook has agreed with the said Martha Murrell that she should
 make such a settlement of the said Lands and slaves upon her
 son the said Jesse Murrell previous to the completion of the said Marriage
 Now This Indenture doth hereby witness that in pursuance of the before
 recited agreement, and in further consideration of the sum of one
 Dollar to the said Martha Murrell in hand paid by the said Edward
 Bratton, at and before the making and delivery of these presents the
 Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, she the said Martha Murrell
 by and with the private consent, deed and agreement of the said Henry
 Cook testified by his being made a party to, and his sealing and
 delivery of these presents hath granted, bargained, sold, assigned, conveyed
 and delivered unto the said Edward Bratton his Executor, Administrators
 and assigns, all of the said tract of Land whereon the said Martha
 Murrell now resides together with all of the privileges and appurtenances
 thereto belonging and all of the before mentioned slaves (viz) Sam. Archer,
 Caroline, Eliza, Jimmy and Arthur; So have and to hold the said property
 hereby conveyed unto the said Edward Bratton his Executor, Administrators
 and assigns: Upon such Trusts, covenants and agreements as are hereinafter
 and purposes, and under such powers and authorities as are hereinafter
 mentioned that is to say, in trust for the said Martha Murrell and
 her assigns until the solemnization of the said intended Marriage; and
 after the said Marriage is made for the said Henry Cook until the
 said Jesse Murrell shall attain to and reach the age of twenty one