

There being no exceptions thereto, was examined, compared and agreed to be recorded.

Test. L. R. Edwards, C. L.

To all whom it may concern. Whereas a marriage is shortly contemplated to take place between Joseph S. G. Gaulhae of the Commonwealth of Kentucky County of Sutton & Miss Mildred L. Dupree of the State of Virginia County of Southampton have & do by these presents into agree to the following contract: The said Joseph S. G. Gaulhae agrees & does hereby sever unto the said Mildred L. Dupree a lifetime estate in the following described property, slaves, one negro manly the name of Henry, one by the name of Hardy, one negro woman by the name of Pat, one by the name of Aly, one child named William & one by the name of Agnes. Said property to be subject to the debts of the said Joseph S. G. Gaulhae which he contracted before or after, which he may contract hereafter. The said Joseph S. G. Gaulhae further provides that should the said above named Mildred L. Dupree survive the said Joseph S. G. Gaulhae, that she shall be entitled to a child's share in all the personal estate of the said Joseph S. G. Gaulhae shall hold a life estate or Dower of one third in all of his real estate wherever it may be situated. It is further more agreed to & provided by the said Mildred L. Dupree that the said Joseph S. G. Gaulhae shall have the entire control & management of the abovesigned slaves (and all the incomes arising from them) for the benefit of the family of the said Joseph S. G. Gaulhae. It is agreed to & provided by the parties to this contract that the increase which may grow out of the abovesigned slaves shall be subject to the same rule that applies to those mentioned above that is the said Mildred L. Dupree shall hold life estate in the same.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto written our names & affixed our seals in presence of the subscribing witnesses this the 10th March in the year of our Lord 1857.

Test.

E. B. Clark

Jos. J. Weeks
Edward S. Turner.

J. S. G. Gaulhae
Mildred L. Dupree.

Test. B.
B. A. D.

Southampton County. In the Clerk's Office. the 20th day of April 1857.

This Agreement was partly formed as to Joseph S. G. Gaulhae and Mildred L. Dupree, parties thereto, by the oath of Edward S. Turner a subscribing witness thereto, before said office on the 17th day of May 1857. The said agreement was wholly formed as to the said Joseph S. G. Gaulhae and Mildred L. Dupree by the oath of E. B. Clark another subscribing witness (and was therupon committed to record).

Test.

L. R. Edwards, C. L.

This Deed made this 18th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty seven Believin Thomas Drake the debtor of Mary J. his wife of the first part and James Holmes the husband of the second part and Cleas Birnes Creditor of the third part, Believin that said Thomas Drake is justly indebted unto the said Cleas Birnes in the just and full sum of two hundred and twenty five dollars of lawful money of this Commonwealth one by Bonds bearing date the reference to the sum being held well more fully appears which debt with the interest thereon the said Thomas Drake is willing and desirous to secure. Now this subscriber wright that he and in consideration of sum of one dollar to the said Thomas Drake at or before the making and delivery of these presents to receipt whereof in kindly acknowledge he the said Thomas Drake of Mary J. his wife hath given granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released and confirmed to the said James Holmes his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the mouth end of the river from the said Drake's house in the County of Southampton and State of Virginia con-