

Southampton County. Deth. Clerk's office the 19th day of October 1837.
 This Writing was presented and together with the certificate of the acknowledgement of Principal & Sureties and Benjamin L. Dix one of the party examination and acknowledgement of Luman Dix all parties thereto, was thereupon committed to record.

Teste,

L. R. Edwards, C.C.

This Indenture, made and entered into this 28th day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four by John J. Mason of the first part Lewis E. Mason of the second part and Mary Ann Mason, wife of the said John J. Mason, of the third part, testifies: That whereas the said John J. Mason has recently by Wellington Goddin, his agent, sold, or has sold with the appurtenances situated at James River in the County of Isle of Wight called Days Neck to James M. Cook, at public auction, for the price of Twenty five thousand dollars and by his said agent has sold to Samuel Rutherford a lot of land situated in Franklin and Adams Street in the city of Richmond with the improvements thereon at the price of Fifteen thousand three hundred and twenty four dollars and one cent. And whereas the said John J. Mason before the execution of the deeds for the said Real estate that is to say: The Farm called Days Neck and the Lot of houses in Richmond, in Virginia, and in consideration of his said wife Mary Ann Mason agreeing to make in the execution of the Deeds for the same thereby relinquishing her right of dower therin agreed to convey to her as an equivalent (and for her separate use) certain negro slaves and for that purpose is this conveyance made - She the said Mary Ann Mason having in consideration of the agreement of her husband aforesaid in fact made in the execution of the said Deed of relinquishes all her claim of dower in the real Estate as granted of sold. This Indenture, therefore, witnesseth, that the said John J. Mason for and in consideration of the premises as well as for the further consideration of five dollars in hand paid by the said Lewis E. Mason before the signing and sealing of this presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge has granted, conveyed and transferred and does hereby grant, convey and transfer to the said Lewis E. Mason his Executrix and ad vice the following negro slaves, to wit: Negro man Stephen, and Bob, Negro woman Betty, Pleasant, Silvy and Lizzy girls Georgiana, Becky and Rosal, and boys Jordan and George Armistead and the increase of the females all of which slaves are now in the State of Virginia. To have and to hold the said slaves and the increase of the females to him the said Lewis E. Mason his Executrix and ad vice free from the demand or claim of but the said John J. Mason and of all persons whomsoever except from the operation of a deed of trust given by the said John J. Mason for the benefit of Wellington Goddin now of record in the Clerk's Office of the Husting Court of the City of Richmond. In trust during his life and to answer the following uses and purposes and more other trusts that the slaves and increase of the females shall be taken and held by the said Lewis E. Mason to and for the sole use and benefit of the said Mary Ann Mason for and during the term of her natural life free from the demands, control, debts or control of the said John J. Mason except as aforesaid, and at the death of the said Mary Ann Mason then to and for the sole use and benefit of such person or persons as she, the said Mary Ann Mason may by a power existing in the nature of a last will and testament duly executed by at least two witnesses, appoint, and upon his failure to make such appointment then to and for the sole use and benefit of the children of the said Mary Ann Mason living at the time of his death and of the descendants descendants of any of her deceased children so that each shall take according to the Laws of distribution of the State of Virginia. And upon the further trust that the said Lewis E. Mason may at any time upon the request