

the aggregate to three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars and one against \$10⁰⁰ Old for one hundred and twenty dollars. And whereas it has been agreed between the said Richard Eldridge and Rebecca A. Sumner that the above named slaves and their future increase, their heirs and people (and the above named bonds and acc-
 ceding interest should after the said contemplated matrimony be held and enjoyed by the said Rebecca A. Sumner during the coverture for her sole (and separate use and benefit free from the control of her said intended husband and to be in no wise subject to his control as debt-
 more owing which he may hereafter contract and it is further agreed that the said property bonds shall be at the sole and only disposal by will or otherwise of the said Rebecca notwithstanding her coverture. And it is further agreed that in case the said Rebecca should survive her intended husband, the said R. F. Eldridge, she should not have or claim any part of the real or personal estate whereof the said Richard F. Eldridge should be seized or possessed or entitled to at any time during the coverture between them by virtue of dower or otherwise.
 Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that in pursuance of the before recited agreement and in consideration of the sum of five dollars to the said Rebecca paid by the said Richard Kirby, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged she the said Rebecca A. Sumner by and with the joining & consent & agreement of the said Richd. F. Eldridge testified by his being a party to and signing & sealing this agreement hath granted and conveyed unto the said Richard Kirby his heirs and assigns the said negro slaves and bonds before mentioned in this deed. To have & to hold the said property & bonds hereby conveyed to him (and his heirs forever. Upon trust nevertheless that the said trustee shall permit the said Rebecca to hold, have, receive and enjoy the use profits, hires and interest of the said slaves & bonds during the said coverture for her sole & separate use and benefit, and after the said coverture, if she survive her intended husband to have & to hold the same absolutely, and if she die before him then the said trustee shall make over the said property to such person or persons and in such manner & proportions as the said Rebecca A. Sumner shall by will or otherwise direct and shall dispose of the property during the coverture, if the said Rebecca shall so direct by any writing properly witnessed by two or more witnesses.

In testimony whereof, the parties have hereunto set their hands & seals this date first above written

Witness

Geo. M. Turner

Benj. G. Turner

Thos. B. Powell

Richard F. Eldridge Seal

Rebecca A. Sumner Seal

Southampton County. In the Clerk's Office, December 20th 1855.

This Deed of Marriage Agreement was proved and attested by Richard F. Eldridge, Rebecca A. Sumner, parties thereto, by the oaths of Geo. M. Turner & Benj. G. Turner, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and was thereupon admitted to record.

Attest,

J. R. Edwards, C. C.

This deed made, this 5th day of May 1856, between Richard Bennett and Mary R. Bennett his wife of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia of the one part and William Munroe