

Received this second day of August 1766 of the within named Charles Taylor the sum of three hundred & twenty seven pounds the consideration money within mentioned

Witness
 Myself
 Jas Taylor
 & Matthew Croom

At a court held for the county of Southampton the 5 day of Oct^r 1766

This Indenture & the receipt thereon indorsed were acknowledged by the within named James Croom party thereto & ordered to be recorded

Witness
 J. Jones

George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King of the faith &c To James Dudley & James Jones Gents. greeting whereas J^r Croom of the City of Northampton & Province of North Carolina by his certain indenture of bargain & sale bearing date the second day of August 1766 hath sold conveyed unto Charles Taylor of the parish of St Luke & County of Southampton the fee simple & inheritance of & a certain tract or parcel of land lying & being in the aforesaid County of Southampton containing by estimation four hundred & fifty five acres be the same more or less & whereas Ann the wife of the said James Croom conveniently travel to the Court of our County of Southampton to make acknowledgments of her right of dower in the lands conveyed by the said indenture Therefore We give unto you or any two of more of you power to receive the acknowledgments which the said Ann shall be willing to make of her right of dower in the lands conveyed by the said indenture which is hereunto annexed & We do therefore command you or any two of you that you do personally go to the said Ann & examine her privately & apart from the said J^r Croom her husband whether she doth the same freely & voluntarily without the persuasion or threat of J^r James Croom her husband & whether she is willing the same should be recorded in the Court of our County of Southampton & when you have received her acknowledgments & examined her as aforesaid that you distinctly & plainly certify us thereof under your seals inclosed returning also unto us the said indenture & this writ withup Rich^d Fields clerk of our Court at your house the ninth day of Oct^r in the 35 year of our reign

Witness
 J. Jones

Comitant to a commission to us directed from the Court of Southampton County bearing date the ninth day of Oct^r 1766 we have personally been to the within mentioned Ann Croom & received her acknowledgments & examined her privately & apart from her husband & the said Ann Croom doth freely & voluntarily relinquish her right of dower in the estate conveyed by the said indenture hereunto annexed & is willing the same should be recorded in the Court of our County which we do hereby certify under our hands & seals this thirty first day of Dec^r one thousand seven hundred & sixty six

Witness
 J. Jones

At a court held for the County of Southampton the 5 day of January 1767
 The commission hereto annexed for taking the acknowledgments & private examination of Ann the wife of the said James Croom & a certificate of the execution thereof was with the said indenture ordered to be recorded

Witness
 J. Jones