

George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France Ireland King etc. of the faith &c. To Joseph pray
Charles Corby & John Withinson gent. greeting Whereas W^m Branch of the parish of Netherway in the County
of Hampton p^l by his certain indenture of bargain & sale bearing date the nine tenth day of Feb^r
1766 hath sold & conveyed to Rich^d Wells of the Parish & County the fee simple & inheritance of an a
certain tract or parcel of land lying & being in the afores^d parish & County containing by estimation
fifty acres or thereabouts be the same more or less & whereas Ruth the wife of the said William Branch
cannot conveniently travel to the court of our County of Hampton to make acknowledgment
of her right of dower in the lands conveyed by the said indenture Therefore We do give unto you or any
two or more of you power to receive the acknowledgments which the said Ruth shall be will be will
ing to make of her right of dower in the lands conveyed by the said indenture which is hereunto an
nexed & we do therefore command you or any two or more of you that you do personally go to the
said Ruth & examine her privately & apart from the said W^m Branch her husband whether she will
she doth the same freely & voluntarily without the persuasion or threats of the said W^m Branch
her husband & whether she is willing the same should be recorded in the court of our County
of Hampton & when you have received her acknowledgment & examined her as afores^d
that you distinctly & plainly certify us thereof under your seals enclosed returning all
unto us the said indenture & this writ with you Rich^d Wells clerk of our court at the courthouse the
eleventh day of Sept^r in the sixth year of our reign

Rich^d Wells Esq^r

Whereas it is the within commission to the subscribers directed We did personally go to the within
named Ruth Branch & examine her privately & apart from the within named W^m Branch her husband
& we do hereby certify that the said Ruth did relinquish her right of dower in the estate conveyed by the said in
denture freely & voluntarily without the persuasion or threats of the said W^m Branch & she did declare that she
was willing the said indenture should be recorded in the court of the said County given under our
hands & seals this eleventh day of Sept^r 1766

J^o Gray Seal
Chas Corby Seal

At a court held for the County of Hampton the 13 day of Nov^r 1766

This commission for the examination of the within named Ruth Branch was
with the certificate of the execution thereof returned & ordered to be recorded

Rich^d Wells Esq^r

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This Indenture made the twenty sixth day of Oct^r in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred & sixty six Between Arthur Arrington of Edgecombe County & Province of N^c Carolina
of the one part & Arthur Arrington of the afores^d County & Province of the other part Wit
nesse that the said Arthur Arrington for & in consideration of the sum of twenty pounds
current money of Virg^a to him in hand paid at or before the executing & delivery of these
presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargain sold
aliened conveyed & confirmed & by these presents doth grant bargain sell alien convey
confirm unto the said Arthur Arrington his heirs & assigns forever one certain tract or
one certain tract of land situated & lying in Southampton County in Virginia And