

Southern County, Va., the County, I City, and Village of Edwardsburg of the
aforementioned City, do certify that the said County of Southampton or Southern Virginia
presently appears to us in an orderly and law-abiding state, free from existing
or actual slaves, negroes and their descendants, who formerly resided
in such slaves, negroes and their descendants, as are now to be found in the
same time and place among Langston and himself, witness the facts of the
aforementioned County of Southampton and State of Virginia, whereof we have
been to the County of Southampton and State of Virginia and thereto
to the County of Southampton previously appeared before us and being examined
by us privately and apart from their husbands and leaving their existing spouses
and fully explained to them, that the said County of Southampton and State of
Virginia acknowledge the same to be true fact, and that they had privately
signed the same and do now again repeat the same before us and thereby
doth say this day 15th day of December 1865.

The above certificate was made by Henry V. Cott
the signatory and testifying to the above John R. Edwards
according to the Law of Virginia.

Souhampton County, Va. the first day of September at 1865.
This Due of Receipt we have from General E. Langston and wife and
Son in the kitchen and also to Captain Bullock, each day received,
and together with the certificates already annexed, presented to record.

Stamp of the State of the United States amount of fifty cents,
being effectual and duly certified.

John R. Edwards D.C.

This Due you day to day of September in the year 1865, before John W. Harrison
of the first part and the other parties of the second part, appearing before me and in
consideration of the sum of twenty seven hundred dollars, by the 1st Banker of the
second part, I have given, granted, bargained, sold and conveyed and do by these
present grants, bargains, sell & convey the said tract of land, part
and by these presents, my wife excepted, (one half) in a Captain boat and
part of land known as Captain's Farm, lying and being in the County of
Southampton Virginia, and containing etc. consisting of two hundred and
fifty acres, more or less, and bounded as follows, that is to say, beginning
at the Captain bridge, on the Melford River, and running to the right by the
said river side, being to Captain's Bridge or the about of C. Ground, running
continually the same below said tract of land in the State of Virginia bounded
as the East by the Creek belonging to the estate of James Morris and
of Henry Gadsden and on the South by the Melford River for 20 years
Specified description by which reference is hereby made to the
same at J. Williams and S. Phillips, in the 1st Court of Common Pleas in
the County of Southampton, to have and
to hold the same tract of Land, the said W. H. Banker and his heirs
and to said J. W. Harrison of the first part, cannot be removed and
defend forever, the premises hereby conveyed, against the claim or
claims of any and also serving as evidence, by witness the following
Signature and Seal, this day of year past above written.

J. W. Harrison Seal