

and did acknowledge do certify that Party doth now the wife Maria A. Dugay, whose name  
was signed to this writing, this bearing date 2<sup>d</sup> day of April A.D. 1876, previously  
affidavit before me in my County of French and does further by me freely and without  
fear for herself, and having the writing affixed, explained to her, and she the last  
said witness acknowledged the said writing to be her act and did make that she had  
written the same and that with this will to attest the same set my hand this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1876.

A. R. Leiffier A.P.

Southampton County: In the Clerk's Office August 21<sup>st</sup> 1876.  
The Dist. of Parcier and wife have released to Pet and Lucy Comford,  
on this day several and with the certificates there annexed, admitted to record.  
Dated 21<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1876  
A. R. Edwards A.C.

Know all men by these presents that I, A. H. Shemel of Southampton County and State  
of Virginia, in Consideration of the sum of the sum of One Hundred dollars advanced  
me by Rich. Steiner, Catheridge and Davis Merchants of the City of Petersburg  
Virginia, in sufficient Recompence to me for the purpose of leasing to me to cultivate my  
Crop for the year 1876, to sell and money sent to the said Steiner, Catheridge & Davis  
Merchants the following property, to wit: all of my Crop of Corn and Cotton now  
growing on my farm for the Cultivation of which such advanced sum made to have  
and to hold to whom take each greatest their heirs and assigns forever. I warrant  
this property free from the encumbrance of any other law. It is agreed however,  
that if at any time hereinafter, or my representation goes over the said Steiner,  
Catheridge and Davis or their representatives the above named sum of money or  
else the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1876 in Redemption of the aforesaid Crop and  
Crop of Corn and such payment shall not ready, destroy, injure or make  
damaged their property and every thing having Concerned thereto and its  
use, otherwise remain in full force and effect. On default in the foregoing  
Condition the grantee or their representatives may sue the above property as a suit  
(or vice it to be brought to their place of business in the City of Petersburg & to be  
held by them) at any time after two days notice to the grantee retaining the sum  
of money named above and all costs and charges attending the suit and paying  
the same if any to the grantee herein. The Crops of Corn and Cotton also  
supposed to be covered with the said Steiner, Catheridge and Davis Merchants  
in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved April  
2<sup>d</sup> 1873, entitled an act to secure advances for agricultural funds.  
Witness the following signature and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1876.

David H. Shemel Seal

Southampton County: In the Clerk's Office August 21<sup>st</sup> 1876.  
The Dist. of David H. Shemel & Steiner, Catheridge & Davis, was this  
day recited and acknowledged by said Shemel to be his act and deed, and  
admitted to record.

Witness  
A. R. Edwards A.C.