

is hereby acknowledged, the said John C. Norton and Sarah J. Norton
do good, long and, and forever absolutely and irrevocably agree
to sell to the said James M. Cortell the following personal property
to wit: two horses, at this day in possession of the said John C. Norton
three cows, one heifer, five pigs, one carriage, one coat and wheels,
fifty barrels of corn, one thousand pounds of fodder and six
barrels of wheat to be raised on the farm on which the said
John C. Norton now resides, during the year 1897. This contract shall
all subjects to be construed as an actual and absolute bill of sale and
not as a mere lien, mortgage or other late writing, and the whole
title and interest in the said property is hereby conveyed, without
reservation to the said James M. Cortell. The said John C. Norton and Sarah
Norton warrant that they will not make or convey the property, or
any thereof, prior to the date at which it was is until the same has been
demanded by the said J. M. Cortell without the consent of the said J. M.
Cortell. Witness the following signatures and seals.

John C. Norton (Seal)
Sarah J. Norton (Seal)
Jas M Cortell (Seal)

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Southampton Co, Va.

I, David O. Leonard, a Justice of the Peace for the
said county and State do hereby certify that John C. Norton, Sarah
Norton and James M. Cortell whose names are signed to the writing above
bearing date on the 28th day of April 1897, have each and all of them
acknowledged the same before me, this day in my said County.

Witness my hand this 28th day of April 1897.

David O. Leonard (Seal)

Southampton County, Va. This Clerk's Office, May 1st 1897.
The Bill of Sale from John C. and Sarah J. Norton to J. M. Cortell and
this day recorded and together with the certificate above demanded, admitted
to record.

With McClelland's Seal.

Ex. 2

This Bill of Sale made and entered into this 30th day of April 1897
by the said John C. Norton and Sarah J. Norton of the County of Southampton, Va.
in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) in
hand paid by the said James M. Cortell to the said John C. Norton and
Sarah J. Norton, which said sum is hereby acknowledged, the said John C. Norton and
Sarah J. Norton do good, long and, and forever absolutely and irrevocably agree
to sell to the said James M. Cortell the following personal property, to wit: two
horses and two heifers, one carriage, one coat and wheels, one
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