

Southampton County, In the Clerk's Office May 21st 1797.
 This Court found Lewis S. Clerk for John Taylor, Sheriff, for the bond
 of John Taylor, was this day served and acknowledged and admitted
 record.

Tells, Medwards & Co.

Know

all men by these presents, that I Lewis Smith of the County of
 Southampton State of Virginia in consideration of the debts due to me
 by John Taylor Sheriff, and for fifty and 2/100 dollars, due as thousands with interest from
 the first day of Nov. next, another for twenty five 5/100 dollars, due from
 with interest from the first day of June 1797, indebted me by Charles and
 Joseph in tortious, made me, shown by him for same, at will and may
 with them the following property, to wit: two bales of fine middling cotton
 to be delivered at Richmond March 26, weighing four hundred and fifty
 each, to have and to hold to them, the grantee and their heirs or assigns
 forever. I warrant that property part of all incumbrances and fully paid
 the right. It is agreed however, that if I the grantor or my representatives
 pay unto Charles & Joseph or their representatives, the said debt made
 as or before the first day of Apr. next his redemption for the property and
 with each payment shall not waste, diminish, or lose, sell or remove the same
 and in case of injury, sell or remove the same and in case of injury or
 destruction from any cause of any property that conveyed hereunto, but
 and assigne responsible for the full value thereof including all Accretions,
 improvements, trees, trees, grounds and every thing having thereunto, shall now
 and be void, otherwise account as full first and effect. On default in
 the foregoing conditions the grantor or his representatives may sell the
 several property at auction at any time after two days notice to the grantee
 whereby the sum of money decided above and all debt and charges of sale
 including the surplus if any to the grantor or his representatives. It is agreed
 also, that in default of these conditions, the grantor may at any time
 the property, and that the grantor or their representatives may purchase
 any take small as aforesaid.

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of May, A. D. 1797.

Witness:

A. C. Pendue.

Lewis S. Clerk.

Charles & Joseph.

State of Virginia, County of Southampton, to wit.

I, A. C. Pendue, a Notary Public for the County aforesaid,
 do hereby certify that Lewis Smith, whose name is signed to the
 writing above bearing date on the 1st day of May 1797, has acknowledged the same
 before me in my County aforesaid.

Witness my hand this 1st day of June 1797.

A. C. Pendue.

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This Agreement between Lewis Smith and Charles & Joseph, was this day
 read and together with the aforesaid debts amount, admitted to record
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