

monument or situated in the County of Southampton State of Virginia, and I hereby give the said John D. Smith full and legal control of such right, reserving all rights of homestead except those given to him for the time being if not paid at maturity to bear interest from date hereof.

J. D. Smith.

State of Virginia
County of Southampton to witness:

I, J. D. Duke a Justice of said County and State do hereby certify that J. D. Smith formerly appears before me in my County and acknowledged the above writing to be true.

J. D. Duke J. P.

Southampton County, In the Office of Clerk December 24th 1777.

This Deed or instrument return to D. Smith and John Bluetchuk, creating a bill of sale of the estate of the said Smith for money欠, advances and the day account and together with the certificate to, thence amount, acknowledged to me.

State, Shredders 1777.

Whereas by Deed from me the said J. D. Duke, dated 16 Sept. 1774, the said parties among other things did convey to J. D. Smith, at law in several tracts of Land situated in Southampton County, containing 500 acres to the same more or less, a sum in hand due & to be paid by the said parties for freedom and advances, at a rate of the annual land by the annual tract, made July 15, 1777, by virtue of the above named tract due, James 2. Duke, having the purchase of the aforesaid tract of land by bidding therefor the sum of £300/- and advances, the said James 2. Duke has fully paid the purchase money and is now entitled to a deed for the said land, wherefore this day made the 20th day of December 1777.

A Bill of Sale is affixed, of the said party and James 2. Duke of the second party aforesaid, that in consideration of the sum sum of £300/- weight of which it here acknowledge, the said J. D. Duke, trustee as aforesaid, do hereby grant and convey with full warranty unto the said James 2. Duke and his heirs forever, the aforesaid tract of land situated in Southampton County containing 500 acres to the same more or less, bounded by the lands of J. D. Duke's estate - Duke's property, &c., same being tract of land formerly belonging to Duke's wife.

Witness the following signature and seal:

J. D. Smith, Notary. (Seal)

Southampton County, In the Office of Clerk December 24th 1777.

This Deed of Bargain and Sale from J. D. Duke, Duke, to James 2. Duke, one the day aforesaid and acknowledged by such Duke, as trustee aforesaid, and acknowledged to me.

State, Shredders 1777.

Witnessed at the 17th day of December 1774, Emma C. Williams and Sophia his wife by their hand of first date December 17th 1774, did, in order to secure to J. D. Duke a certain debt as herein mentioned, convey their house, the property thereunto and among other what, a certain tract of land in the County of Southampton, Virginia, bounded by and William of J. D. Duke and in said last named tract described as containing 30 acres adjoining the land of William Megarick and Mrs. A. Affliniti and known as the Bedward tract; and whereas,