

State of Virginia,

County of Southampton to wit.

I, John J. Rogers, a Acting Justice for the area
 specified in the State aforesaid, do certify that Benjamin C. Sims, Adolphus Lawrence and
 John C. Sims, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the 27th of
 day of January 1878, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid
 and under my hand, the 27th day of February 1878.

John J. Rogers,

Acting Justice.

Southampton County, Va. the before Office February 18th 1878.

That Court of East and West Virginia versus John Sims for the benefit of the African
 Methodist Episcopal Church, to W. C. Perkins, Justice, was this day received and
 together with the certificate thereof annexed, admitted to record.

Sub. Th. Edwards Clerk.

1878

Southampton County, Va.

Jan'y 5th 1878.

On or before the 1st day of November next, I promise to pay to J. M. Bell
 or his heirs, assigns, executor or administrator, forty or and 2/3 dollars for
 value received but I hereby assign the benefit of the homestead exemption
 to said debt.

Witness

Wm. J. Lecher

J. M. Bell.

Southampton County, Va.

Jan'y 5th 1878.

Circuit

I, John Sims, this day, Attorney of the J. M. Bell an assignee of Forty Six
 and 2/3 dollars for which the above land was given and in pursuance
 Section 55 of Chapter 59 of the acts of Assembly of Virginia approved
 February 28th 1878 and in compliance with the terms thereof I hereby
 promise that I will deliver to the said J. M. Bell of his house in South
 ampton County Virginia, my crop of cotton, peanuts, fodder and all
 other crop which I may make and lay down, I her and my wife and all
 household and kitchen furniture or a sufficient amount thereof to pay
 said ground, raised or gathered on all lands owned by me in my life
 part of or under my management or supervision in the County of South
 ampton in the State of Virginia, and I hereby give the said J. M. Bell
 full and legal control of said crop and receiving all rights of homestead
 exemption therein with power to transfer this land back to her, subject
 at the rate of six per cent from date hereof.

Witnessed in presence of
 Geo. H. Saunders.

Wm. J. Lecher

State of Virginia, County of Southampton to wit.

I, J. M. Bell a Justice
 for the said Court in and for the said County and State, do hereby certify
 that Wm. Lecher personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid and
 acknowledge the foregoing writing to be his free act.

January 5th 1878.

J. M. Bell J. J.