

Release unto the said St. J. Ridley all the said tract
 of parcel of land above described as the 'Baykins'
 Farm & being the same conveyed by said Wm. M.
 Beaton & wife to St. J. Ridley by deed bearing date Jan-
 uary 1st 1878 of record in the Clerk's Office of the County
 Court of Southampton County.

Witness the following signature & seals

J. W. Urquhart Master *(Seal)*
 W. M. Beaton *(Seal)*

Southampton County: In the Clerk's Office: March 17th 1879
 This Deed of Release from J. W. Urquhart & W. M.
 Beaton to St. J. Ridley was this day received, and
 acknowledged by said Urquhart & Beaton to be
 their act and deed, and admitted to record
 Note: S. B. Edwards, C. R.

Examined
 & delivered
 a Justice

Articles of agreement made & entered into this 1st
 day of January 1879, between J. L. Drewry & Bros. of the
 first part & Thomas Matthey of the second part
 all of the County of Southampton & State of Vir-
 ginia. The said J. L. Drewry & Bros. rents to the
 said Matthey the house he now occupies & land
 to cultivate for the sum of Eighty five Dollars.
 The said Matthey agrees to deliver to them the
 proceeds of the 1st Bk. & to pay ^{the balance}
 on or before the 1st December & further agrees
 to send the Cotton to any Commission House
 they desire & further agrees to deliver Cotton
 to any Commission House they desire to pay
 for any & all advances they may make to him
 & this shall constitute a lien on the crops until
 they are paid & waive the benefit of my Home-
 stead Exemption as to this Contract. Given un-
 der our hands this 13th day of Jan'y 1879.

J. L. Drewry & Bros.
 Thomas Matthey

State of Va. Southampton County:

To wit:

I G. M. Hughes a Justice of the Peace in & for
 the State & County aforesaid do hereby certify that
 J. L. Drewry & Brothers & Thomas Matthey whose names
 is signed to the writing within has this day acknowledged
 & signed the same before me in my County & State
 given under my hand & seal this 8 day of Feb:
 1879.

G. M. Hughes J. P.

Southampton County: In the Clerk's Office: March 17th 1879