

Southampton County: In the Clerk's Office: June 2nd 1879
 This Bill of Sale from Ephraim Skinned to Jas.
 R. Devaney was this day received and acknow-
 ledged by said Skinned to be his act and
 deed and admitted to record.

Teste: L. R. Edwards Clk.

This Agreement entered into this 31st day of May
 1879 between Jas. J. Darden of the first part and
 William Sykes Esq. of the other part witnessed
 as follows: That whereas the said William
 Sykes Esq. is about to engage in the cultiva-
 tion of the Soil, and is desirous to obtain
 Supplies during the year 1879 from the said
 Jas. J. Darden for the amount of Forty Dollars
 and for taking the acknowledgements and for
 recording this agreement, and the said Jas.
 J. Darden having on his part agreed to furnish
 said supplies, then the said William Sykes on his
 part and in consideration of the above provisions
 doth hereby grant a Lien to the said Jas. J. Dar-
 den on One Bale of Cotton middling to weigh
 not less than 1150 lbs to be made this year, and
 I hereby waive the benefit of my Homestead
 exemption as to this debt on contract, for the
 amount advanced to him this year which has
 been or was intended to have been ex-
 pended, and the said Sykes binds him-
 self agreeable to how to deliver said Cot-
 ton above mentioned to Jas. J. Darden at
 Newson's Depot Va. by or before the 1st
 day of Decr. 1879. This Lien is granted un-
 der an act of the General Assembly of Vir-
 ginia approved April 2nd 1873 entitled an
 act to secure the advances for agricul-
 tural purposes. Witness the following signatures
 and Seals.

Jas. J. Darden
 William Sykes
 made

State of Virginia County of Southampton. To wit:
 J. R. A. Darden a Notary Public for the County
 aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify
 that William Sykes whose name is signed
 to the within writing bearing date on the
 31st day of May 1879, has acknowledged the
 same before me in my County aforesaid.
 Given under my hand this 31st day of May
 1879.

J. E. Darden n. p.