

Indian
Trustees
to
Taylor

This Indenture

made this first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three and in the thirteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King the third of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the Faith Between Henry Taylor Esquire Gray Thomas Blunt Charles Taylor and John Blow of the County of Southampton & Colony of Virginia Gent^{les} Trustees for the Indians of that Colony of the one part and John Taylor of the County of Southampton and Colony aforesaid of the other Part Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of the said Colony of Virginia passed in the twelfth year of the reign of our said Sovereign Lord King George the third a Part of the lands not exceeding one half belonging to the aforesaid Indians of the Nottaway Nation lying on the South side of Nottaway River and not in the actual possession of the said Indians was vested in the said Edward Gray Henry Taylor Thomas Blunt Charles Taylor and John Blow as Trustees upon Trust that they the said Trustees or any two of them being thereby empowered might by good and sufficient Deeds duly Proved and recorded demise or lease the said lands for twenty years so that the quantity leased should not exceed three hundred Acres in any one lease to such Person or Persons for such Rent or Rents as they the said Trustees or any two of them should judge reasonable under the Provisions and Conditions hereafter mentioned but more particularly set forth & expressed in the aforesaid Act of General Assembly as Reference being thereunto had may more fully and certainly appear Now This Indenture Witnesseth that the said Henry Taylor Edward Gray Thomas Blunt Charles Taylor and John Blow Trustees for the said Indians for and in consideration of the yearly Rent and Covenants herein after reserved mentioned and contained HAVE demised granted and to Farm let & by these presents do demise grant the Farm let unto the said John Taylor his Executors Administrators and assigns one Lot or Parcel of Land containing 201 Acres called by the Name of W^c being part of the said Tract of Land belonging to the aforesaid Indians of the Nottaway Nation and not in their actual possession and bounded as follows to wit Beginning at a Black Gum standing at Buckhorn Bridge thence down the Edge of the Swamps on the West side of Buckhorn Swamp to the Mouth of the Beaver Dam Branch thence up the river of the said Branch to a Sweet Gum a corner of N^o 2 thence along the said line South 17 degrees West 135 Poles to a Hickory on Buckhorn Road and thence along the said Road to the Beginning together with all ways waters water courses woods Underwoods Profits Privileges and appurtenances whatsoever to the Premises belonging or in anywise appertaining To have and to hold the said 201 Acres of Land and other premises with the appurtenances unto the said John Taylor his Executors and assigns from the Date of these Presents for and during the Term of 21 years from thence with ensuing and fully to be completed and ended Yielding and Paying thereupon yearly and every year during the said Term hereby granted unto the said Trustees or the Survivors of them the yearly Rent or sum of Nine Pounds current Money of Virginia on the first day of January next And the said John Taylor for himself himself his Heirs Executors Administrators and assigns doth hereby covenant grant and assigns and with the said Trustees and the Survivors of them doth hereby covenant and assigns (that is to say) that he the said John Taylor his heirs or assigns or some of them yearly and every year during the said Term of 21 years hereby letten shall and will well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Trustees or the Survivors of them the said yearly Rent above abovesaid upon the day and time above expressed according to the tenor intended & Meaning of these Presents Also that he the said John Taylor his heirs and assigns shall within the Space of five years from the date of these presents build and completely finish a dwelling House 12 by 16 feet the Frame to be sawed covered covered with featherbedg Plank and hung with good Pine or Cypress Shingles and shall moreover Plant and sow with good Fences and cultivate fifty Apple Trees on the said land hereby granted Also that the said John Taylor his heirs and assigns shall not during the Continuance of his Term aforesaid Cut down more than one half of the Timber thereon and also that the said John Taylor his heirs and assigns shall and will after the said dwelling House is built & finished planted fenced and cultivated keep the same in good & sufficient Repair during the said Term and shall and will leave the same well and sufficiently repaired at the End of the said Term And the said Trustees do Covenant and grant to and with the said John Taylor his Executors Assigns and assigns that the said John Taylor his heirs and assigns paying the yearly Rent or sum of Nine Pounds & performing all the Covenants & Agreements