

Indian Trust
to
Harris
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This indenture made this first Day of Jan^y in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Seventy three in the Year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. Between Henry Taylor Edwin Gray Thomas Blunt & John Blow of the County of Southampton & Colony of Virginia Gentlemen Trustees for the Indians of the Nottoway Nation of the one Part & Hardy Harris of the County of Southampton & Colony of Virg^a of the other Part Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of the aforesaid Colony of Virg^a 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 Nottoway Nation lying on the South Side Nottoway River and not in the actual Possession of the said Indians was vested in the said Henry Taylor Edwin Gray Th^o Blunt Cha^s Taylor and John Blow as Trustees upon Trust that they the said Trustees or any two of them being hereby empowered might by good & sufficient Deeds duly proved and recorded demise or lease the said Lands for twenty one years so that the Quantity leased should not exceed Three hundred acres in any one lease to such Person or Persons and for such Rent or Rents as they the said Trustees or any two of them should judge reasonable under the Proviso's 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 Edwin Gray Th^o Blunt Charles Taylor & John Blow Trustees for the said Indians for and in consideration of the yearly Rent and Covenants herein after reserved mentioned & contained Have demised granted and to Farm Set and by these Presents do demise grant & to Farm let unto the said Hardy Harris his Executors and assigns one lot or Parcel of Land containing 223 acres being Part of the aforesaid Tract of Land belonging to the aforesaid Indians and not in their actual possession and bounded as follows to wit Beginning at a Corner standing in the Beverdam Branch at Corner tree of No^o 3 thence a long line of mark trees North 25 Degrees East 211 Poles to 2 Trees Chopt Inwards a Corner of No^o 11 thence along the line of No^o 11 North 19 Degrees West 200 Pole to a Red oak a Corner of Robins Scholars Land thence along his line South 17 Degrees West 252 Pole to a Sweet Gum in the Beverdam Branch at Corner of No^o 2 thence up the various Courses of the Branch to the Beginning together with all ways waters water Courses Woods Underwoods Profit Privileges & appurtenances whatsoever to the said Premises belonging or in any way appertaining To have and to hold the said 223 Acres of Land & other Premises with the Appurtenances unto the said Hardy Harris his Executors & assigns from the date of these Presents for and during the term of 21 years from the next next ensuing and fully to be completed and ended yeading and Paying therefor 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 eight pounds one Shilling current money of Virg^a on the first day of January next and the said Hardy Harris for himself his heirs Executors and assigns doth hereby Covenant grant and agree to and with the said Trustees & the Survivors of them in manner & form following (that is to say) that he the said Hardy Harris his heirs or assigns or some of them yearly and every year during the said Term of Twenty one 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 Reserved upon the day and time above expressed according to the true intent & Meaning of these Presents Also that he the said Hardy Harris his heirs & assigns shall within the Space of five years from the date of these Presents build & completely finish a Dwelling House 12 by 16 feet the Frame to be sawed covered with Featheredge Plank & Shingles with good Pine or Cypress Shillings and shall moreover plant inclose with good fences and cultivate fifty apple Trees on the said Land hereby Granted also that the said Hardy Harris his heirs and assigns shall not during the continuance