

(90) The Court Held for the County of Southampton The 12th Day of December 1782

This Emancipation was proved by the Affirmation of Robert Ricks, and Thomas Ricks The Witnesses Therefore are Ordered to be Recorded

Teste

Sam^l Lello. C. C. C. C.

I Mary Ricks, of Southampton County Virginia Having
Under my care One Negro Woman named Judy, aged Twenty seven
Years and six Months Which I have heretofore held as slave, but
Being fully persuaded That Freedom is the Natural right of
all mankind, and that it is my Duty to do by others as I would
they should do by me, do Therefore hereby emancipate and
set the said Judy free and as for myself my heirs Executors
and Administrators relinquish all my Right title Interest
and Claim or pretensions of Claim whatsoever either to her
person or to any estate she may hereafter acquire, and having
also five now in their minority Vizt Venus a negro girl about Ten
years of age, David aged Eight years the 25th of the twelfth
month next, Lucy a nego six years of age the 12th of April last
past. Jane three years sometime in the Twelfth month next.
Amey one year the 27th of the third month next, Whom I
likewise emancipate and set free. I believe it right
for me to have the care of them untill they shall attain, the
Males to Twenty one years, & the females to Eighteen
years, and as for myself My heirs, Executors, & Administrators.
Relinquish all my right title Interest and Claim or preten-
tions of Claim whatsoever either to their persons or to any
estate they may acquire after they shall ^{arrive} to the full and
lawful age aforesaid all the above said Negroes to enjoy their
Liberty

Mary
Ricks

Emanc.