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To all to whom these presents shall come I George Briggs
 of before County for and Inconsideration of the love, good
 will and affection which I have and do bear towards my
 son in law Benjamin Blunt of the County of Southampton
 have given and granted and by these presents do freely give &
 grant unto the said Benjamin Blunt his heirs and
 assigns forever, Twelve Negroes to-wit, Ned, Pat, Ephie,
 Jesse, Shosher, Ben, Amy, Mally, Selvin, Lucy, Suskey,
 and Mally To have and to hold the said negroes
 to him the said Benjamin Blunt his heirs and assigns
 from henceforth, as his proper slaves absolutely without
 any manner of condition In Witness Whereof I
 have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 15th
 Day of May 1844

Signed sealed &
 Impressed of

George ^{his} Briggs
 Mark

Charles Briggs sent
 Charles Briggs sent

At a Court Held for the County of Southampton the 10th day of
 June 1844

This Deed of gift was proved by the oaths of Charles
 Briggs sent and Charles Briggs sent the witnesses thereto &
 ordered to be Recorded,

Teste Saml Kellogg

I Joel Davis of Southampton County in Virginia
 being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right of all
 human-kind, and that it is my duty to do unto others as I would
 desire to be done by in the like situation, and having under
 my care two Negroes whom I have heretofore held as slaves
 of the following names and ages (viz) Dinah aged
 (about)