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Decided this seventeenth day of Sept^r 1780 of W^m
 Thomas Stephenson the Sum Thirty Two pounds 13 shillings
 being in full for the Consideration for the within mentioned

That
 Edmund Tyler
 & Elias Worring
 Messrs. Bayly

Matthew Britton

Southampton set

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Elias Worring, David Brown
 and Edmund Tyler Gentlemen greeting Whereas Matthew Britton
 and Catherine his wife by their certain indenture of bargain & sale
 dated the 7th of June 1780 have sold and conveyed unto Thomas
 Stephenson the fee simple estate of land in one certain tract or
 parcel of land containing three hundred & over more or less
 situate lying and being in the Parish of St. Mary and County
 of Southampton and Whereas the said Catherine cannot conveniently
 travel to the Court of our said County to make acknowledgment
 of the same we therefore Command you or any Two or more of
 you to go personally to the said Catherine and examine her
 privately and apart from her said husband Whether she
 is willing that the said indenture should be recorded in the
 Court of our said County of Southampton & whether she hath
 executed the same freely and voluntarily without the
 persuasion or threats of her husband and when you have
 examined her as aforesaid and taken her acknowledgment
 of the said indenture that you distinctly and plainly certify us
 thereof under your hands and seals returning to us also this
 writ with the said indenture annexed witness Myself Clerk
 of our said Court at his Office the 16th day of September 1780
 in the 13th Year of the Commonwealth

In Obedience to a Commission to us Directed bearing date
 the 7th June 1780 We the subscribers did go and in person to
 the said Catherine Britton and examine her privately apart
 from her said husband and the said Catherine said that
 she is willing that the said annexed Indenture should
 be recorded in the Court of our said County of

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