

Matthew Vick of Southampton County did propose of his Negroes (Levi) Sharper Simon
 Patience Mason and Peter who by his last & will and Testament bearing
 date the 26 day of Sept: 1798 duly proved and Recorded in the said County Court
 of Southampton did then devise and dispose of his 3 Negroes as follows
 I send to my living wife Sarah Vick during her natural life the
 use and Labour of my Negro Woman Pamel and her Children Mason
 and Peter and after her death I give the 3 Negroes to wit Patience full
 of her increase to my Daughters Milly Porter Winny Porter Leticia Thompson
 and Isbell Vick to be equally divided between them to their heirs
 and assigns forever I have given the direction & management of my
 executors hereafter named the labour of my two Negro fellows Sharper &
 Simon either for them to be employ'd on the plantation whereon I now live
 or to be hired out for the best price that can be got for them from
 those whom they may choose to live with until their labour shall
 together with what part of my estate I have directed to be sold & my
 outstanding debts be full sufficient to pay and Discharge all my
 just debts and the legacies herein contained and as soon as that may
 happen that my said Negroes Sharper and Simon immediately
 be set at liberty and Discharge from the said of my power on whatsoever
 and enjoy the benefit of Freedom forever afterwards in the same
 manner as if they had been naturally born free and whereas I the
 Sarah Vick Widow and Relicks of the S^r Matthew Vick deceased being
 satisfied with the provision made for me in my S^r Husbands will
 did at a Court held for the S^r County of Southampton on the day
 of Decr 1798 renounce the same and declare against recording
 any part of his estate in Virtue thereof whereupon to one equal
 third part of the said Negroes Sharper Simon Patience Peter &
 Mason as well as of one third of his other personal estate Now
 I the said Sarah Vick being convinced of the heathen & impiority
 of Slavery do hereby presently relinquish all my right and title to &
 manumit the said Negroes Sharper Patience and Mason (Simon
 Peter being duly fully and clearly discharging the said Negroes
 forever hereafter from my service Control or Command & from
 the future service Control or Command of any person or
 persons claiming by or under me In Witness