

Lawrence
 & Simmons
 do bind us to
 Capt. D. Simmons
 Aug. 1775

This Indenture to all people whome there presence shall
 come greeting) be. that I Hardy Lawrence of the county of Southampton
 for & in consideration of the sum of fifteen pounds Virginia currency in
 hand paid before the inscaling hereof well and truly paid by Daniel
 Simmons of the aforesaid county the receipt whereof I do hereby ac-
 knowledge and my self fully satisfied paid & contented & thereof and of
 every part and parcel thereof do acknowledge acquitt and discharge the said
 Hardy Lawrence his heirs exors. admors. for ever and by these presents
 have given granted bargained and sold aliened and confirmed and
 by these presents do freely fully and absolutely give grant bargain
 sell alien convey and confirm unto him the s^r Daniel Simmons
 his heirs exors. admors. assigns for ever one mill properly called a grist
 mill and seat situate lying & being in the county of Southampton on
 Black creek it being a certain mill formerly belonging to Giles Smel-
 ly and by him given to Joshua Whitney and by him given to
 his son Giles Whitney and by him sold to Hardy Lawrence then
 the s^r Hardy Lawrence agreed with a certain Henry Leigh to rebuild
 the mill a new on terms of his having the half part of the mill ^{which}
 he sold the s^r Hardy Lawrence as record will show and at the death of
 the s^r Hardy Lawrence he willed the s^r half of the mill to his
 son Hardy Lawrence which the s^r Hardy Lawrence agreed to sell
 to the s^r ~~Hardy Lawrence~~ Daniel Simmons to have and to
 hold the s^r half of the mill which the s^r Hardy Lawrence has
 granted and bargained withal ~~as~~ its appertinances privileges
 commodities to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining
 to him the s^r Daniel Simmons his heirs & assigns forever to
 his and their only proper use benefit and behoof for ever and I the
 s^r Hardy Lawrence do for me my heirs exors. admors. covenant
 promise and grant to and with the s^r Daniel Simmons
 his heirs and assigns that before the corsealing thereof I
 am the true ^{the} and lawful owner of one half of the above
 bargained mill and am lawfully seized and possessed