

Received this Day February 1797 of the within named William Beale the sum of 50 pounds current money of Virginia being the consideration money within mentioned

Witnesseth

Southampton county Sc.

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The Commonwealth of Virginia to Samuel Calvert & Cha. Briggs Jr. Gentlemen, justices of the peace of Southampton county Greeting Whereas Henry Briggs & Emelia his wife & mills Everitt of the county of Southampton have by their certain indenture of bargain and sale bearing date the 20th day of February 1797 sold and conveyed unto William Beale the fee simple estate of and in two hundred and thirty acres of land lying and being in the county of Southampton and whereas the said Emelia cannot conveniently travel to the court of our county of Southampton to make acknowledgement of of the said conveyance we do therefore give unto you or any two or more of you power to receive the acknowledgement which the sd Emelia shall be willing to make before you of the aforesaid conveyance containing in the annexed indenture and command you to go personally to the said Emelia and examine her privately and apart from her husband whether she has executed the said indenture freely & voluntarily without the persuasion or threats of her husband and whether she be willing the same should be recorded in the court of our county of Southampton and when you have examined her and taken her acknowledgement as aforesaid that you distinctly and openly certify us thereof in our said court under your hands and seals returning to us the sd Indenture and this writ Witness Samuel Kello clerk of our said court at his office the 21st day of March 1797 in the 21st year of the commonwealth —

Jno. D. Kaufman Sec.