

Southampton County

The Commonwealth of Virginia to George Blunt & Robert Mabry Gentlemen justices of the peace of Southampton County greeting. Whereas Willis R. Holliday and Mary his wife by their certain indenture of bargain and sale bearing date 25<sup>th</sup> Day February in the year of Christ 1796 have sold and conveyed unto ~~Wm~~ Biddle the fee simple estate of and in forty three and one fourth acres of Land lying and being in the aforesaid County of Southampton & Parish of Saint Luke and whereas the said Mary cannot conveniently travel the Court of our said county to make acknowledgement of the conveyance aforesaid, therefore we as Give unto you or any two of you power to receive the acknowledgement which the said Mary shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which is hereto annexed & command you to go personally to the said Mary and receive her acknowledgement of the same and examine her privately and apart from her said husband whether she has executed the said indenture freely and voluntarily without his persuasion or threat and whether the said Indenture should be recorded in the Court of our said County of Southampton and when you have examined her as aforesaid and taken her acknowledgement of the said indenture that you distinctly and openly certify as thereof in our said Consider your hands and seals Returning to us also the said indenture and this writ, Witness Samuel Kells clerk of our said court at his office the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1796 & in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of our foundation.

Geo. D. Kaufmann D.C. S. C.

In obedience to the within writ to us directed we did personally attend on Mary, wife of the within named Willis Holliday and before us she did acknowledge the Indenture hereto annexed and freely and voluntarily relinquished her right of power to the Land containing in the said Indenture and that she consented that the same should be recorded in the County Court of Southampton of which we do hereby certify the justices of the said county court under our hands and seals this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1796

George Blunt

Robert Mabry

At a court held for the County of Southampton the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1796 This Indenture was acknowledged by Willis R. Holliday party thereto and confirmed and at a court held for the County of Southampton the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1797 the said Indenture with a commission for the private examination of Mary Holliday wife of the said W. R. Holliday and a certificate of the execution thereof were ordered to be recorded

Sam Kells Ec