

Southampton county, Jct

The commonwealth of Virginia to John Linnions and William Edmunds Gentlemen justices of the peace of Southampton county greeting whereas Amos Harris James Mecom & Patience Mecom his wife by their certain indenture of bargain and sale bearing date the 20th day of January 1797 have sold and conveyed to Humphrey Druery all the right title interest claim & demand which they or either of them have in a certain tract of lands and its appurtenances lying and being in the county of Southampton containing by survey six hundred & seventy four acres And whereas the said Patience cannot conveniently travel to court of our said county to make acknowledgement of the conveyance We do therefore give unto you power to receive the acknowledgement which said Patience may be willing to make before you of the annexed indenture And command you that you go personally to the said Patience and examine her privily and apart from her said husband whether she hath executed the said indenture fully and voluntarily without his persuasion or threats & whether she is willing the same should be recorded in the court of our said county of Southampton and when you receive her acknowledgement & examined her as aforesaid that you do line and duly certify us thereof in our D. court under your hands and seal returning to us the said indenture and this writ witness Samuel H. clerk of our D. court at his office the 30th day of January 1797 & in the 21st Year of the Commonwealth

Sam. H. Wells

Agreeable to writ to us directed we did at the house of Humphrey Druery on the 31st day of January 1797 personally examine Patience Mecom privily and apart from James Mecom her said husband and that she did and voluntarily relinquish her right to the lands mentioned in the indenture herunto annexed without his persuasion or threats & that the said Patience is willing the same should be committed to record in the county court of Southampton Given under our hands & seals the day & year above written

John Linnions
William Edmunds

At a court held for the county of Southampton on the 15th day of April 1797 This Indenture with the Commissions for the foregoing examination of Patience Mecom wife of James Mecom and certificate of the execution thereof was proved by the oaths of Amos Johnson John Applewhite Edwin with a Commission for the examination of Patience Mecom to certificate of the execution thereof and three of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

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