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demands of them the said M^{rs} Kirby & Mary Kirby his wife and their heirs, or against the claim or lawful demand, of all and every other persons or persons whatsoever, shall and will warrant, and forever defend by their presents. In witness whereof, the said M^{rs} Kirby, and Mary his wife, hath hereunto set their hands, and affixed their seals the day and year above written.

Sealed Signes & Delivered

In presence of — 3

John Cricklow

W^m Buttz

Leigh Wright

M^{rs} Kirby Seal

Mary Kirby Seal

Southampton County S^c

The commonwealth of Virginia to Robert Goodwyn & Daniel Buttz Gentlemen Justices of the Peace of Southampton County greeting
Whereas M^{rs} Kirby & Mary his wife, by their certain Indenture of bargain & sale, bearing date the 17th day of Oct^r 1796, have sold and conveyed unto Benjamin Kirby, the fee simple estate of 8 or one hundred acres of land lying & being in the County of Southampton & Parish of Northway, and whereas the said Mary cannot conveniently travel to the Court of the County aforesaid to make acknowledgment thereof, we do therefore give unto you, or any two or more of you, power to receive the acknowledgment, which the said Mary shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance contained in the said Indenture, which is hereunto annexed, and we command you, that you personally go to the said Mary & receive her acknowledgment of the same & examine her privily, and apart from her said husband whether she doth the same freely and voluntarily, without his persuasion or threats. And whether she be willing the same should be recorded in the Court of this County, and when you have received her acknowledgments and examined her as aforesaid, that you doth openly certify us thereof in our said Court, under your hands and seals, sending them thereto the said Indenture and this our writ to Sam^l Kello, clerk of our said Court at his office the 15th day of October 1796, in the 14th year of our foundation

Jⁿ: D. Ansbmann S^c

Southampton S^c

In pursuance to the above Commission to us directed, we have gone to the house of M^{rs} Kirby, the 17th day of Oct^r 1796, &