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At a Court held for the County of Southhampton the 1st day of July 1797 this Indenture, was acknowledged by James Barnes and Nancy his wife, being first privately examined, as the law directs, and ordered to be recorded —

Sam. Keble Es.

Travis's
deed

I Plando Travis of Southhampton County in the state of Virginia being fully persuaded, that freedom is the natural right of all mankind, and that it is my duty, to do unto others as I would be done by in the like situation, and having seen my own Negro, whom I have heretofore held Slave of the following name & age Step. — About about five years of age, I hereby emancipate & set free him the above named Slave, and I do for myself, my heirs, Executors & Administrators, Relinquish all my Right, title, Interest & Claim or pretention of Claim whatsoever, either to his person, or to any estate he may hereafter acquire, without any Interruption from me or any person claiming, for, by, from, or under me — in Witnes whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of June in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and ninety seven —

Signea Sealed & del. &

in presence of —

John George

Samuel Hargrave

Charles ^{his} Travis

William Hargrave

William Lane —

At a Court held for the County of Southhampton the 1st day of July 1797 this Order of Emancipation was given by the oaths of James Hargrave & William Lane two of the Justices of the Peace, and ordered to be recorded

Sam. Keble Es.

This Indenture made this 15th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, between James Barnes and Lewis Wear of the County of Southhampton of the one part and Benjamin Blunt and Lazarus Cook, of the other part Witnesses that whereas the said James Barnes, Benjamin Blunt, and Lazarus Cook, were by an Order and decree of the worshipful Court of Southhampton, bearing date the 2nd of September 1795, appointed Commissioners, to lay off the Widows dower in the lands whereof Josiah McCreel dec^d died seized & possessed, and to make sale of the residue, and make legal conveyance of the same and whereas one of the said Commissioners, did on the sixth day of January, one thousand seven hundred & ninety two, make sale of the whole of the said lands whereof Josiah McCreel dec^d died