

the following property to wit: two certain tracts or parcels of land, the one being the tract of land on which the said Deco now lives, containing by estimation five hundred Acres, be the same more or less, together with all out houses buildings and edifices thereon; and one other tract or parcel of land, containing by estimation two hundred Acres, be the same more or less, it being the tract of land purchased of Arthur Cecum and others; To have and to hold the said tract of lands to him the said William Hines, his heirs, executors, & assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of him the said William Hines his heirs and assigns for ever; and the said Benjamin Drew with by these presents, bargain and sell unto him the said William Hines one certain schooner known by the name of the Polly of Smithfield, together with all the sails and rigging belonging, as in any wise belonging to the said Schooner; also the following slaves to wit: Will Sheppard, Sam, Robin, Betty, Aggy & three Children, mourning & hollow female child, Lydia, Augustus, Ann, Clarander, Venus, & Peter, also thirty head of Cattle, Ten Horses and a Wagon, with all necessary gear, to wit the same, to have and to hold, all and singular the afore said property to him the said William Hines his heirs and assigns forever, upon this special trust and confidence however, that whereas he the said William Hines stands bound as security for the said Drew in two bonds to wit: one to E. P. Thomas Ridley for two hundred pounds, and another to Braxton Harrison of Charles City for six hundred and fifty one pounds twelve shillings. Now if the said Benjamin Drew, shall truly and lawfully discharge all and singular the aforementioned bonds, so that the said William Hines, his heirs, executors, nor Assignments shall in any respect become liable to pay the same, nor any part thereof, that then the Interest and right vested in the said William Hines, his heirs, executors, & assigns, shall cease and be to all intents & purposes void, and of no value, or effect, Given under our hands & seals the day & year first above written.

Witness my hand in
the presence of
William Bailey

Thos. Hine

To Wit

Robt. Mahy

B. Drew Seal
Will. Hines Seal

At a Court held for the County of Middlesex the 15th day of December 1797 this
Mortgage Instrument, was acknowledged by
Benjamin Drew party thereto, and ordered
to be recorded

Sam. Hall