

Southampton County J^{to}

The commonwealth of Virginia to James Ree and J^r Watkins Gentlemen
 granting whereas Belah Williford and Elizabeth his wife have by
 their certain Indenture of bargain and Sale dated the 13th day Feb^y
 1798 conveyed unto Moreland Dolk of the County of Isle of Wight the
 her simple estate of and in One hundred and fifty Acres of Land more or
 less with the appurtenances lying in the County of Southampton
 upon s^d And whereas the said Elizabeth cannot conveniently travel
 to the Court of our said County of Southampton to acknowledge the same
 therefore we do give to you power to receive the acknowledgment which
 the s^d Elizabeth shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance
 contained in the s^d Indenture which is hereunto demanded And we
 do therefore Command you to go personally to the said Elizabeth and
 receive her Acknowledgment of the same and Examine her privately
 and a part from her s^d Husband whether she hath executed the said
 Deed freely and Voluntarily without the persuasion or threat of
 her husband and whether she is willing the s^d Indenture
 should be received in the Court of our s^d County and when you have
 examined as aforesaid and taken her acknowledgment of the s^d Indenture
 then that you distinctly and openly certify us thereof under
 your hands and Seals returning to us also this Writ With the said
 Indenture Annexed Witness Sam^l Kelle Clerk of our s^d Court
 at his office this 28th day of July 1798 In the 23rd Year of Our Independence

J^t
 Sam^l Kelle

Writ To wit

We certify that the within named Elizabeth Williford before us signed
 sealed and delivered the within mentioned deed & renounced her
 right of dower in our form giving under our hands and Seals this
 eight day of September 1798

James Ree
 J^r Watkins

At a court held for the County of S^t on the 16th day of July 1798 The s^d Indenture
 was read and rec^d thereon endorsed with acknowledgments by Williford &
 wife and with commission for the jury examination of the wife
 and certificate of the Brechtam Thump is given to her