

the same against all and every person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming
the same or any part thereof. In Witnes whereof the said Cordall Barnes &
Priscilla his wife hath hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and
Year above written

Signed Sealed & delivered

In the presents of

Ben. Blunt

Ja. Wilkinson

Thomas Holladay Junr

Thos. Pester

Jolly Covert
Jolly

Cordall Barnes Seal

Priscilla Barnes Seal

Southampton County Jc.

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Ben. Blunt &
Ja. Wilkinson Gentlemen greeting whereas Cordall
Barnes & Priscilla his wife hath by their certain indenture of bargain & sale
dated this 15th day of March 1798 - conveyed unto John Barnes of the County
of Southampton the fee simple estate of 5 in 107 - acres of land with the
appurtenances lying and being in the County aforesaid. And whereas the said
Priscilla Barnes cannot conveniently travel to the Court of our said County
to acknowledge the same Therefore we do give to you power to receive the acknow-
ledgement which the said Priscilla - shall be willing to make before you of
the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which is hereto annexed
and we authorize you to go personally to the said Priscilla and receive
her acknowledgement of the same and examine her privately & apart from
her said husband Whether she has executed the said freely and voluntarily
without the procurement or threat of her said husband and whether she is willing the
said indenture should be recorded in the Court of our said County And when you have
examined as aforesaid and taken her acknowledgement of the said indenture that
she voluntarily and freely testify us thereof under your hands and seals returning to
us also this writ with the said indenture annexed Witness Sam. Kells clerk
of our S^d Court at his office this 8th day of March 1798 and in the 22^d Year
of the Commonwealth

Sam. Kells Jc. D. 66

We the Subscribers agreeably to a Commission to us directed have perused & examined
separate and apart from her husband Priscilla Barnes concerning this indenture
hereto annexed and certify that she hath voluntarily without the procurement or persuasion
of her husband freely relinquish her right of Dower to the said mentioned in
the said Indenture & that she is willing the same should be recorded in the County
Court of Southampton given under our hands & seals this 15th March 1798

Ben. Blunt