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Southampton county Jct.

The commonwealth of Virginia to Benjamin Blunt and William Edmunds Gentlemen greeting whereas Thomas Holladay jr and Ann his wife have by their certain indenture of bargain and sale dated January 17th 1798 Conveyed unto William R Holladay of the County of the County of Southampton the fee simple estate of and in two hundred and seventeen acres of land with the appurtenances lying and being in the County aforesaid and whereas the said Ann 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 she the said Ann shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said indenture ~~which~~ is hereto annexed; and we do therefore command you to go personally to the said Ann and receive her acknowledgment of the same and examine her privately and apart from her said husband whether she hath freely and voluntarily executed the said without the persuasion or threat of her husband and whether she is willing the said Indenture should be recorded in the Court of our said County of Southampton and when you have examined her as aforesaid and taken her acknowledgment of the said indenture that you do truly and fully certify us thereof under your hands and seals.

returning to us also then sent with the said indenture annexed
Witness Saml Wells Clerk of our said Court at his office this 16th day of Decr 1798 and in the 22^d year of the Commonwealth

Sam Wells C

Under the enclosed commission to us directed we have personally apply'd to Ann Holladay who when separate and apart from her husband saith that she doth acknowledge the annexed indenture freely and willingly without the constraint or persuasion of her husband and that she is willing the same may be recorded in the County Court of Southampton all which we do certify to the said County Court Given under our hands and seals this 13th day of December 1798

Ben Blunt
Wm Edmunds