

Southampton County Sec^y
 The Commonwealth of Virginia to William Edmunds Esq^r &
 Jas^s Wilkinson Gentlemen greeting whereas Nathaniel Edwards &
 Mary his wife have by their certain indenture of bargain and sale dated
 the 1st day of May 1799 - Conveyed unto Edmund Turner of the County of
 Southampton the fee simple Estate of Two 250 acres of Land with the appurte-
 nances lying and being in the County of Southampton. And whereas the
 said Mary cannot conveniently travel to the Court of our s^d County to
 acknowledge the same Therefore we do give to You power to receive the
 Acknowledgement which the s^d ... shall be willing to make before
 you of the Conveyance aforesaid Contained in the s^d Indenture which is
 hereto Annexed And we do therefore Command You to go Personally to
 the said Mary and receive her acknowledgement of the same and examine
 her privately and apart from her s^d husband Whether she hath executed
 the said deed freely and voluntarily without the persuasion or threat of
 Husband? And Whether she is willing the s^d Indenture should be record-
 ed in the Court of our s^d County And when you have examined her as afores^d
 and taken her Acknowledgement of the s^d Indenture that you distinctly
 and openly Certify witherof under your Hands and Seals returning
 to us also this writ with the said Indenture annexed Which
 Sam^l Kello Clerk of our said Court at his office the 25th day of April
 1799 and in the 23rd Year of the Commonwealth

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In answer to the within commission we have waited on Mary
 Edwards the wife of Nathaniel Edwards Examined her as we
 are therein directed and she informed us that as she had executed
 the indenture hereto annexed freely and voluntarily without
 persuasion or threat of her husband & she acknowledge the
 said Indenture before us to be her act and deed and further in-
 formed us she was willing the said indenture should be recorded in
 the Court of s^d County Given under our Hand & Seals this 15th day
 of May 1799

Benjamin Blount J^{es}
 Wm Edmunds J^{es}

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 15th day July
 1799 This Indenture was acknowledged by Edmund Turner
 party thereto and with the commission for the proper exa-
 mination of said writ was ordered to be recorded

Sam^l Kello C^l