

day of May 1798 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Thomas Holladay the within  
mentioned sum Three hundred pounds Current money of Virginia the  
same being consideration of the within Land & premises —

Test  
Benjamin Lewis  
Chasmon Nicholson  
Wm P. Holladay

Henry Taylor  
Rebekah Taylor

Southampton County Sc<sup>t</sup>

The Commonwealth of Virginia to James Miller  
and Lewis Fort Gentlemen greeting whereas Henry Taylor & Rebekah  
wife know by their certain Indenture of bargain and sale, dated the 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of May 1798 conveyed unto Thomas Holladay Jun<sup>r</sup> of the County of South  
ampton the fee simple estate of and in one certain tract of Land contain-  
ing two hundred Acres with the appurtenances lying & being in  
the County aforesaid, & whereas the said Rebekah cannot conveniently  
travel to the Court of our said County to acknowledge the same then  
for we do give to you power to receive the acknowledgment, which the  
said Rebekah shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance  
aforesaid containing in the s<sup>d</sup> Indenture which is hereunto annexed  
& we do therefore command you to go personally to the said Rebekah  
& receive her acknowledgment of the same, and examine her privately  
and apart from her s<sup>d</sup> husband whether she hath executed the s<sup>d</sup> Deed  
freely and voluntarily without the persuasion or threat of her s<sup>d</sup> 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, & taken her acknowledgment of the said Indenture that you  
faithfully and openly certify us thereof, under your hands & seals, returning  
to us also this writ with the s<sup>d</sup> Indenture annexed Witness Samuel Kells  
Clerk of our said Court at his Office this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1798 &  
in the 23<sup>d</sup> year of the Commonwealth

Sam. Kells C<sup>l</sup>

19<sup>th</sup> March 1799

By Virtue of the annexed Commission to us directed we the undersigned  
have stated on Mrs Rebekah Taylor for the purpose contained in the  
said Commission who hath acknowledged her hand & seal to the annexed  
Deed to be her voluntary act & deed & that she is willing the said Deed  
should be recorded in the County Court of Southampton, from among  
our hands & seals the day & place first above written

James Miller  
Lewis Fort