

Signed Seal & delivered
in presence of

Witnesses
Samuel Gilbert
Thos. Hunt
Henry Blunt

William Edmunds Esq
Martha Edmunds Esq

Southampton County To wit,

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Benjamin Blunt James Wilkin-
son & James Gee Gentlemen Whereas William Edmunds and
Martha his wife have by their certain indenture of bargain and sale
dated the day of December 1796 conveyed unto John Westbrooke of
the county of Southampton the fee simple estate of and in a certain
tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County aforesaid
and containing by estimation Two hundred & sixty three Acres be the
same more or less and whereas the said Martha Edmunds cannot
conveniently travel to the Court of our said County to acknowledge the
same therefore We do give to you in any two of your power to receive the
acknowledgment which the said Martha Edmunds shall be willing to
make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the indenture
which is hereto annexed And we do therefore Command you to go personally
to the said Martha and receive her acknowledgment of the same and ex-
amine her freely & apart from her husband whether she hath executed
the said indenture freely and voluntarily without the persuasion or threats
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 distinctly and openly certify us thereof under
your hands & Seals returning to us also this writ with the said acknow-
ledgment Witness Samuel Kells Clerk of our said Court at his Office the
5th day of May 1797 in the 25th year of the American independence

Samuel Kells Esq

Under the seal of Commissioners on the Subscribers have this fourth
day of June 1799 at the house of Benjamin Tennes proceeded to
examine the within named Martha Edmunds who when separated and
apart from her husband doth acknowledge the annexed indenture and
swears that she doth the same freely and voluntarily without the persua-
sion or threats of her husband and that she is willing the same should be