

Southampton County to wit  
 The Commonwealth of Virginia to Robert Goodwyn & Charles Briggs  
 Junr. Gentlemen justices of the peace for the County of Southampton where  
 Spencer Pierce and may his wife have by their indenture of bargain  
 and sale dated the 13 day of Febr. 1800 conveyed unto Jordan Denson  
 of the county of Southampton the fee simple estate of and in 226 acres  
 of land and whereas the said Mary cannot conveniently travel to the  
 court of our said county to acknowledge the same we do therefore give  
 to you power to receive the acknowledgement which the said Mary  
 shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid  
 contained in the indenture which is hereto annexed and  
 do therefore command you to go personally to the said Mary  
 Pierce and examine her privately and apart from her husband  
 whether she hath executed the said indenture freely & voluntarily  
 without the persuasions 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 acknowledgement of the said  
 indenture that you distinctly and openly certify us thereof in  
 our said court under your Honours Seals returning to us the  
 said indenture and this writ Witness Sam<sup>l</sup> Kello clerk of  
 our said court at his office the 13 day of February 1800 in  
 the 24 year of the Commonwealth

Sam<sup>l</sup> Kello J<sup>r</sup> D<sup>cl</sup>

Southampton J<sup>r</sup>

Aquatic to the within Commission to us directed bearing date the 13  
 day of February 1800 have gone to the house of Spencer Pierce and  
 there examine this said wife Mary Pierce privately and  
 apart from her husband when she did voluntarily relinquish  
 all her right of dower and Interest to the land contained in the  
 said indenture annexed and that she is willing it should  
 be so recorded given unto our hands and seals the 13 day  
 of February 1800

Rob<sup>t</sup> Goodwyn  
 Charles Briggs