

Southampton County (to wit)

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Benjamin Blount
William Edmondes & Robert Mabey
Gentlemen greeting whereas Albrigton Browne & Peggy his wife
have by their certain Indenture of bargain and sale dated the 18th day
of August 1800 conveyed unto Henry Smith of the county of Southam-
pton the fee simple Estate of and in two hundred & twenty seven
Acres of Land more or less with the appurtenances said being in
the county of Southampton and whereas the said Peggy cannot
conveniently travel to the court of our said county to acknow-
ledge the same therefore we do give you power to receive the acknow-
ledgement which the same Peggy shall be willing to make before
you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which
is herunto annexed and we do therefore command you to go personally
to the said Peggy and receive her acknowledgement of the same
and examine her privately and apart from her ^{said} husband whether
she hath executed the said deed freely and voluntarily without the
persuasion or threat of her husband and whether she is willing
the said Indenture should be recorded in the court of said county
of Southampton and when you have examined her as aforesaid and
taken her acknowledgement of the said Indenture that you do hereby
and openly certify us thereof under your hand and seal return-
ing to us also this writ with the said ^{indenture} judgment Annexed.
Witness Samuel Hillo clerk of our said Court at the Courthouse the
18th day of August 1800. and in the 25th Year of the Commonwealth
Samuel Hillo

By virtue of the within Commission to us the subscribers
directed we have examined Peggy Browne wife of the within named
Albrigton Browne Separate and apart from her husband as
the within Commission directs and that the said Peggy doth
freely acknowledge the indenture herunto annexed, and that