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Signed Sealed & Delivered
in Presence of
Saml^l Stephenson
Thomas Rowell
Henry Person
William Sturgeon

John Sturgeon ^{Secy}

At a court held for the county
of Southampton the 19th day of January 1801 - This
indenture was acknowledged by John Sturgeon party
hitherto and ordered to be recorded -
Jas McKillop

I Benjamin Barnes of Southampton County in the State
of Virginia being fully persuaded that freedom is the
natural right of all mankind and that it is my
duty to do unto others as I would be they should unto me
in the like situation and having under my care two
negroes whom I have heretofore held as slaves of the
following names and ages (viz) Fanny aged about
twenty eight years George ^{aged} about twenty seven years
I hereby emancipate and free all and every the above
named slaves and do for my self my heirs Exors and Admins
voluntarily relinquish all my right Title Interest and Claims or
pretensions of claims whatsoever either to their persons or any
estate they may hereafter acquire and having also in her
minority of the following names and ages (viz) Moses aged
thirteen years and Oliver months which I also emanci-
pate and set free (yet I believe it right for me to
act as guardian over them untill he arrives to the age
of twenty one years and I do for my self my heirs
Exors and Admins voluntarily relinquish all my right
Title Interest & claim or pretensions of claim