

Southampton County to wit The Commonwealth of Virginia
 to William Edmunds and Robert Maby gentlemen greeting
 whereas John Applewhite and Rebecca his Wife John Barkman
 and Mary his Wife Hardy Applewhite and Charlotte his Wife
 William Applewhite and Polly his Wife Thomas Jordan and
 Precille his wife Sarah Battle and Jane his Wife Thomas
 Merritt and Rebecca his Wife have by their certain Indenture
 of bargain and sale under the 26 day of January 1801 conveyed
 unto Hardy Applewhite and Thomas Applewhite the free simple
 estate of and in 395 acres of land lying and being in the county
 of Southampton aforesaid and whereas the aforesaid Rebecca Apple
 white, Mary Barkman, Charlotte Applewhite, Polly Applewhite
 Precille Jordan, Jane Battle and Rebecca Merritt cannot
 conveniently travel to the court of the county aforesaid to acknow
 ledge the same therefore we do give to you power to receive the
 acknowledgment which they shall be willing to make before you
 of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said Indenture
 which is hereto annexed. And we do therefore command you to go
 personally to the saids Rebecca, Mary Charlotte Polly Precille
 Jane & Rebecca and receive their acknowledgment of the same
 and examine them privately and apart from their said Husbands
 whether they have executed the said deed freely and voluntarily
 without the persuasion or threat of their Husbands & whether
 they are willing the said indenture should be recorded in the court
 of the said county of Southampton and when you have examined them
 as aforesaid and taken their acknowledgments of the said indenture that
 you distinctly and openly certify us thereof under your hands and
 seals returning to us also this writ with the said Indenture Annexed
 Witness Saml Kells Esq of our said Court at his Office the 21st
 day of January 1801 and in the 25th year of our said Commonwealth

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