

The Commonwealth of Virginia to Benjamin Blunt James Geo William
 Cammels and James Wilkinson gentlemen Whereas David Pope and
 Nancy his Wife of the county of Southampton by their certain In-
 denture of bargain and sale bearing date the 12th day of January 1797
 have sold and conveyed to John Barnes of the said county the fee
 simple estate of and in one certain tract or parcel of land contain-
 ing by estimation one hundred and thirty four acres more or less
 and situated in the county of Southampton and Whereas the
 said Nancy cannot conveniently travel to the court of our
 said County to make acknowledgment of the conveyance
 aforesaid We therefore give unto you or any two or more
 of you power to receive the acknowledgment which the said
 Nancy shall be willing to make before you of conveyance con-
 tained in the indenture hereto annexed and commands you to
 go personally to the said Nancy and examine her privately &
 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 that the same
 should be recorded in the court of our said County of Southampton
 and when you have examined her and taken her acknowledgment
 as aforesaid that you distinctly and openly certify us ^{your} ~~in~~
 in our said Court under hands and seals sending us
 this said indenture and this writ with you Samuel Kelly clerk
 of our said court at the court house the 12th day of January 1797
 and the 21st Year of the Commonwealth

Sam. Kelly

By virtue of the within commission to us directed we the subscribers
 have privately examined Nancy Pope wife of the within named
 David Pope in manner and form ~~as the said commission~~
 requires and have received her acknowledgment of the inden-
 ture hereto annexed which said indenture she acknow-
 ledged freely & voluntarily without his persuasion or threats & that
 she was willing the same should be recorded in the county court
 of Southampton certified under our hands and seals this second day
 of February 1797

James Geo. Cammels
 Wm. Wilkinson