

December the 24th 1801 Received of Francis Hill the sum
of two hundred and ninety seven dollars and a half in full
consideration for the land and premises therein men-
tioned With my hand and seal as above —

Williamth ^{mark} Johnson —

Thomas Clements

Southampton County sc^t The commonwealth of Virginia
to Samuel Caldwell and Charles Briggs Gentlemen greeting
Whereas Thomas W. Clements and Martha his wife have by
their certain Indenture of bargain and sale dated the 24th
day of December 1801 conveyed unto Francis Hill of the
County of Greenville the fee simple estate of and in
fifty nine & a half acres of land lying and being in the
County of Southampton and whereas the said Martha cannot
conveniently travel to the court of the county aforesaid
to acknowledge the same therefore we do give to you power
to receive the acknowledgment which the said Martha
shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance
aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which is
hereto annexed and we do command you to go personally
to the said Martha and examine her privately & apart
from her husband and receive the acknowledgment
which she shall be willing to make before you whether she
hath executed the said deed freely and voluntarily, without
any force or threat of her husband and whether she is
willing the said deed should be recorded in the said court and when
you have examined her as aforesaid and taken her acknow-
ledgment of the said deed that you distinctly and openly certify
under your hand and seal of office returning to us
also this with the said Indenture annexed. Witness
Samuel Hills clerk of our said court at his office the 24th
day December 1801 and in the 2nd year of the foundation

Samuel Hills