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Southampton County To wit

The commonwealth of Virginia to William Bailey and James Gee gentlemen
Justices of the peace for the county of Southampton Greeting whereas Micajah
Edwards and Elizabeth his wife have by their certain indenture of
bargain and sale dated 21st January 1799 Conveyed unto Lazarus Cook of the
County aforesaid the fee simple estate of and in two hundred acres land with the
appurtenances lying & being in the county aforesaid and whereas the said Elizabeth
cannot conveniently travel to the court of our said county to acknowledge the
same therefore we do give to you power to receive the acknowledgment which
the said Elizabeth 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 said Elizabeth and receive her acknowledgment 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 said husband and whether she is willing the said indenture should
be recorded in the court of our said county & when you have examined
her as aforesaid and taken her acknowledgment of the said indenture that you
distinctly and openly certify under your hands and seals returning to us
also this writ with the said deed annexed Witness Sam^l Killop clerk of our said
court at his office the 21st day of January 1799 and in the 23rd year of the comm^{on}
wealth

J Killop: DCC

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In Obedience to the within commission to us directed we have personally
waited on Elizabeth Edwards the wife of Micajah Edwards and have
received her acknowledgment of the indenture hereto annexed which she informs
us she had executed freely and voluntarily without the persuasion or threat
of her husband & that she was willing the same should be recorded in the court
of Southampton this examination was taken apart & separate from
her husband — given under hands this 21st day of January 1799

W Bailey
James Gee