

To all to whom these Presents shall
come, Greeting.

K NOW YE, That We, for and in Consideration of the Sum of
Fifty Shillings for every Hundred Acres hereby granted, paid
into our Treasury by *Joshua Hays*
have Given and Granted, and by these
Presents do Give and Grant unto the said *Joshua Hays*
a Tract of Land, containing
Two hundred
Acres, lying and being in our County of *Bladen*

On the East side of the Western Prong on both sides of Joshua
Hays Branch joining Lucy books Land Beginning at a
Heavy running North Sixteen West two hundred, and Twenty Pole
to a large White Oak, thence South Twenty four West two hundred
and Twenty Pole to a Stake, then South Sixteen East two hundred and
Twenty Pole to a Stake, then North Twenty four East two hundred
and Twenty Pole to the Beginning

as by the Plat hereunto annexed doth appear; together with all Woods;
Waters, Mines, Minerals, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances, to the
said Land belonging or appertaining: To hold to the said

Joshua Hays his Heirs
and Assigns, for ever, yielding and paying to us such Sums of Money
yearly, or otherwise, as our General Assembly from Time to Time may
direct.. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That the said

Joshua Hays shall cause this Grant to be
registered in the Register's Office of our said County of *Bladen*
within Twelve Months from the Date hereof, otherwise
the same shall be void and of no Effect.

IN TESTIMONY whereof, we have caused our Great Seal to be
hereunto affixed. WITNESS RICHARD CASWELL, Es-
quire, our Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, at
Kingston, the *Twelfth* Day of *November*
in the *seventh* Year of our Independence, and in the
Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and *Seventy seven*

By his Excellency's Command

J. Glasgow Sec. R. Caswell