Transcript of Power of Attorney from John Bassnette to Jeremiah Murden

Bassnetts Power to Murden, North Carolina, Be it known these presents that I john Bassnette of Pasquotank Precincts in Arlbermerle County and province aforesaid have made and ordained constituted authorised and appointed in my place and stead by these presents have put and place my well beloved and trusty friends Jeremiah Murden of Norfolk County in ye Colony of Virginia and John Noest of Princess Ann County in the said colony of Virginia to be my trusted and lawful attorney or attorneys for me and in my N[ame] or enter in and upon all and every the occupiers and possessors of all or any that parcel or tract [of I]and lying and being in Princess Ann County n Virginia aforesaid called and known by the n[ame] of Collchester containing eleven hundred and fifty acres, as in and by ye patent thereof granted [by] my grandfather William Bassnett may appear in the case of any claim made or refused [by] any person or persons to surrender up the quiet and peaceable possession of said land the said per[so]ns to eject; sue implead prosecute and expel the said premises by due course of law giving and by these presents granting to my said attorneys or either of them the full power and authority [illegible] in my name to sue arrest eject implead and to appear for me in any court or courts of law within the said colony of Virginia and also one or more attorneys or attorneys of any the said [illegible] under them to constitute and appoint as the case may require [illegible] should be graver or more and special power than is herein given and in case of any judgment obtained in any of the said courts or writ of possession awarded the said possession for me and in my name to take and receive as fully as tho I were personally present or by an other ways and means to compound conclude and agree with any the said claimers occupiers or possessors of the premises or any part or parcel there as my said attorney or attorneys or either of them, shall think fit, and furthermore I the said John Bassnett do here by authorize and impower my said attorneys or either of them to acknowledge for me and in my name in the county court of Princess Ann certain deed of release of all my right and title of the said premises unto Jeremiah Murden bearing equal date with these presents unto which said deed I have set my mark with my own hand and sealed with my seal and delivered it unto the said Jeremiah Murden as my own deed and also all and every other thing requested and necessary to be done in or concerning the premises for me and in my name to do execute and perform as fully and effectually and in as large and ample a manner and form to all intents and purposes as if I myself might and ought or could do if I were then and there personally present and I shall and will ratify all and confirm all and whatsoever my said attorney's or either of them shall do or cause to be done in or about ye premises by virtue of these presents. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of August Anno Dom. 1729.

The mark of John Bassnett & Seal

Sealed and delivered in presence of Joseph Cartwright and John Ivy.

Princess Ann: At a court held on the 3rd September 1729 then the within power was proved by the oaths of Joseph Cartwright and John Ivy witnesses thereto is ordered to be recorded on the motion of Jeremiah Murden.

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