

shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance
aforesaid contained in the said Indenture which is
hereunto annexed. And We do therefore Command
You, that you do personally go to the said Elizabeth, and
her acknowledgment of the same, and examine her privily
and apart from the said Peter Bacon her Husband whether
she doth the same freely and voluntarily without the persuasi
ons or threats of her said Husband, and whether she is will
ing that the same should be Recorded in the Courts of the
said County of Prince Anne; and when you have received
her acknowledgement and examined as aforesaid, that you
distinctly and openly certify us thereof in our Court of our
said County of Prince Anne, under your seals, sending
then and there the said Indenture and this Writ.
Witness Edward Black Moseley Clerk of our County of
our said County the 16th Day of December 1797, in the
22 Year of the Commonwealth.

S. H. Moseley:

By Virtue of this Commission to us directed.
We the Subscribers did personally go to the within named
Elizabeth Bacon Wife of the within named Peter Bacon and
examined her privily and apart from her said Husband
she acknowledged the Indenture hereto annexed, to be her
Act and Deed, and declared that she executed the same
freely and voluntarily without the threats or persuasions of her
said Husband and that she is willing and desirous that the
same should be Recorded in the Courts of the County of Prince
Anne to which Courts We do hereby certify: Given under
our Hands and seals this Thirteenth Day of February 1798.

William Durell
Daniel Dodson

This Indenture made the Ninth Day
of February in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand seven
Hundred and Ninety eight, Between Jeremiah Layer
and Nancy his wife, and Peter Layer and Fanny his wife
of the County of Cambden and State of North Carolina; of
the one part, and Joshua Stophins of the County of Prince Anne
and Commonwealth of Virginia of the other part, Whereas
Joshua Stophins the elder late of said County dec'd. in his lifetime
to wit, on the eighth day of March in the Year of our Lord
One Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety two, obtained a
Decree in the Courts of the County of Prince Anne aforesaid,
against William Hilleroy Father of the said Nancy and
Fanny (parties hereto) that he the said William Hilleroy should
convey in Feckimple to the said Joshua Stophins all the Lands
which he possessed prior to the first day of January in the
Year of our Lord, One Thousand seven Hundred and
Eighty Nine, lying and being on the East side of the Road,
leading from the Great Bridge to Kemperville in the said
County of Prince Anne, as by the said Decree reference being
thereunto had will appear. And Whereas the said
Joshua Stophins the elder, and the said William Hilleroy
both departed this life before any Deed of Conveyance was
executed for the said Land agreeable to the said Decree,
and as the said Joshua Stophins the elder by his last Will and
Testament devised the said Land to his son the said Joshua
(party hereto) they the said Jeremiah Layer and Nancy his
wife, Peter Layer and Fanny his wife, as the proper Repre
sentatives in right of the said Nancy and Fanny of William
Hilleroy dec'd. are willing to execute a Deed to him for all the
Land of the said William Hilleroy which the said Decree binds
or covers. Now this Indenture witnesseth, that
the said Jeremiah Layer and Nancy his wife, and Peter Layer
and Fanny his wife, for and in Consideration of the circumstances