

I know all Men by these presents that I John Nichols
 Sheriff of Orange County by virtue of his said office
 pursuant to a writ of Habeas Corpus from the Court
 of Equity held for the District of Hillsborough to the
 directed as follows to wit, State of North Carolina
 Hillsborough District, you are hereby commanded
 that of the Goods & Chattels of Thomas Burke in
 hands of James Hogg Esquire Executor of the said Thomas
 Burke you cause to be made the sum of Seven hundred & Eighty
 one pounds nine shillings & ten pence three farthings
 which lately was adjudged and decreed to the said
 Robert Lytle in the suit in Equity brought by
 Robert Lytle next of kin against the said Thomas
 Burke as appears of Records also that you
 cause to be made of the aforesaid Goods & Chattels
 further sum of Thirty Eight pounds three shillings
 & ten pence for Costs in said suit expended. and
 if there are not sufficient of the goods & Chattels
 of the said Thomas Burke in the hands of his Executor
 to make up the amount of the two above mentioned
 sums you are hereby commanded that of the Goods
 & Chattels Lands and Tenements of the said James
 Hogg Executor of Thomas Burke you cause to be made
 the sum aforesaid of Seven hundred & Ninety one
 pounds nine shillings and ten pence three farthings also
 the further sum of Thirty Eight pounds three shillings
 and ten pence and have you the said monies before
 the said Court at Hillsborough on the first day
 of October next herein fail not and have you the
 and there this writ witness William Watters Clerk
 & Master in our said Court at Hillsborough the first
 day of April A.D. 1789 and in the XIII year of
 American Independence W. Watters

and on the 26 day of May Instant in presence of John Nichols
 previously advertised the same agreeable to Law two
 negroes to wit a Negroe Male named Jack, and a
 Negroe Woman named Maria part of the Estate of the
 late Thomas Burke Esquire deceased hitherto in
 the hands of the Executor of said deceased by way
 of Public Vendue in fair and open Market for the sum
 of two hundred & forty four pounds ten shillings to him
 hand paid by Francis Child of Orange County aforesaid
 being the highest bidder the receipt whereof is hereby
 acknowledged by the said John Nichols Sheriff as aforesaid.
 with him by Bargained and sold and by these presents
 hath bargained & sold unto the said Francis Child his
 heirs and assigns the aforesaid two Negroes named
 Jack and Maria at least all the right Title claim
 interest property or demand whatsoever he the said
 Thomas Burke deceased had or ought to have had
 in or to the aforesaid negroes and the said John
 Nichols as Sheriff aforesaid the said negroes will
 warrant and defend at least all the right title
 interest property or demand of him the said
 Thomas Burke to the said Francis Child his heirs
 and assigns forever.

In witness whereof the John Nichols
 Sheriff aforesaid hath hereunto set his hand &
 affixed his seal this 23rd day of May A.D. one thousand
 seven hundred and eighty nine
 Signed sealed & delivred John Nichols
 In the presence of J. H. Prentiss Junr