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This indenture made this 29th day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven and in the 12th year of our independence between **ARTHUR BRYAN** High Sheriff of the county of Johnston in the state of North Carolina of the one part and **JOHN WATSON** planter of the county and state aforesaid of the other part witnesses that whereas an attachment was granted against the goods and chattels lands and tenements of **JOHN PITMON** at the instance of the guardians of the orphans of **NEEDHAM BRYAN** deceased late of said County and whereas said Sheriff, pursuant to said attachment according to law in such cases made and provided, did execute and sell a certain tract of land lying on the north side of Neuse River and on the south side of Buffalo swamp where **WOOTEN**'s cart path crosses the road

Beginning at a hickory buy a small branch above said road near said swamp runs thence West one hundred and sixty poles to a stake in the center of four Black Jacks; thence South one hundred poles to a Black Jack; thence East one hundred and sixty poles to a red oak near said swamp; thence North upset swamp one hundred poles to the beginning.

Containing one hundred acres the, property of said **PITMON** to the highest bidder and whereas **JOHN WATSON** was the highest bidder said sheriff for and in consideration of the sum of five pounds species to him in hand paid by said **JOHN WATSON** the receipt thereof the said **ARTHUR** does hereby acknowledge and is himself therewith fully satisfied contented and paid hath granted, bargained, sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, enfeoff, convey and confirm unto him the said **JOHN WATSON** his heirs and assigns forever the above mentioned tract or parcel of land together with all the improvements hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, to have and to hold the above bargained premises to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of him, the said **JOHN WATSON**, his heirs and assigns forever. And the said **ARTHUR BRYAN** for himself his heirs executors and administrators have promised and agreed to and with said **JOHN WATSON** that he will warrant and forever defend the above bargained promises to him the said **JOHN WATSON** his heirs and assigns forever as far as the above preceding are horrible and by the laws of this state.

In witness whereof the said **ARTHUR BRYAN** hereunto to set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

**ARTHUR BRYAN** {seal}

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

**WILLIAM HOLLIMAN**  
**ROBERT GULLEY**

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Johnston County

February Court 1788

Acknowledged in open court and ordered to be registered.

**R. SANDERS**, Clerk of Court