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THIS INDENTURE MADE the 16th day of February in the 11th year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the grace of God, King of Great Britain and etc. and in the year of Our Lord 1771.

BETWEEN **JOHN BRYAN**, of St. George's hundred, Yeoman, and **ALEXANDER BRYAN** of White Clay Creek hundred, Yeoman, **JAMES BRYAN**, Yeoman, **CATHERINE BRYAN**, spinster, **CHARLES BRYAN**, Yeoman, **NATHANIEL BRYAN**, **WILLIAM BRYAN** and **ROBERT BRYAN** all of St. George's hundred in the county of New Castle on Delaware and **ANDREW BRYAN** of Princetown in East Jersey, student, of the one part and **WILLIAM CLARK** of the hundred and County of New Castle aforesaid farmer, of the other part.

WITNESSETH that the said **JOHN BRYAN**, **ALEXANDER BRYAN**, **JAMES BRYAN**, **CATHERINE BRYAN**, **CHARLES BRYAN**, **NATHANIEL BRYAN**, **WILLIAM BRYAN**, **ROBERT BRYAN** and **ANDREW BRYAN** for and in consideration of the sum of 5 Shillings lawful money of the government of the counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex upon Delaware, to them in hand paid, by the said **WILLIAM CLARK** at and before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold and by these presents to bargain and sell unto the said **WILLIAM CLARK** all that Plantation a tract of land called Exeter situated and being in the west side of Delaware and on the north side of Drawers Creek in St. George's hundred in the county of New Castle aforesaid.

Beginning at a corner marked Red Oak standing at the head of a small Branch; from thence N-NW by a line of marked trees 222 perches to a corner marked Hickory standing in the line of **JAMES SMOTHERS**; from thence NW by the said **SMOTHERS'** line of marked trees 38 perches to a corner marked White Oak of the said **SMOTHERS'**; thence SW by a line of marked trees 100 perches to a corner marked Oak; from thence W by N by a line of marked trees 90 perches to a corner marked Hickory standing by the side of a marsh; then SW and by W 16 perches to a corner marked Spanish Oak standing at the head of Bogg Branch; thence down the said branch on the several courses to a corner marked White Oak standing at the mouth of a small Branch by the main branch of Drawers Creek, from thence NE by a line of marked trees 70 perches to the first mentioned Red Oak.

Containing 256 Acres be the same more or less and also a small tract or parcel of land adjoining the above-described plantation called Exeter situated in the hundred and County aforesaid.

Beginning at a corner Red Oak of the land afore described; thence by land of **THOMAS NIXON** N 38 degrees E 48 perches to a stone near a marked Black Oak; thence by land of **JOHN VANCE** N 38½ degrees E 27½ perches to a corner of **WILLIAM WHITTET's** land near a marked Hickory, thence by the said **WHITTET's** land N 49 degrees 30 minutes W 105½ perches to a small black oak sapling by the root of an old Corner White Oak; thence by land late of **JOHN LANDS**, deceased, N 48 degrees W 61 perches; thence by land formerly of **JOHN THOMAS** S 25 degrees E 186 perches to the place of beginning.

Containing 36¼ acres be the same more or less.

TOGETHER ALSO with all and singular the messuages, barns, stables, orchards, gardens, meadows, woods, ways, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the same two tracts of

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land belonging or in anywise appertaining. And the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof and every part and parcel thereof with their and every of their rights, members, and appurtenances.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said to tracks or parcels of land and other the premises hereby granted with the appurtenances unto the said **WILLIAM CLARK** his executors administrators and assigns from the day next before the day of the date of these presents for and during and unto the full end and term of one whole year from thence next ensuing and to be fully complete and ended. Yielding and paying therefore unto the said **JOHN, ALEXANDER, JAMES, CATHERINE, CHARLES, NATHANIEL, WILLIAM, ROBERT** and **ANDREW BRYAN** their heirs and assigns the rent of one peppercorn only on the last day of the said term, if the same shall be demanded.

To the intent and purpose that, by virtue of these presents and of the statute for transferring uses into possession, the said **WILLIAM CLARK** maybe in the actual possession of all the said here by bargained premises with their appurtenances, and may thereby be enabled to accept and take a grant or release of the reversion and inheritance thereof to him and his heirs in such manor and for such uses intents and purposes as the said **JOHN, ALEXANDER, JAMES, CATHERINE, CHARLES, NATHANIEL, WILLIAM, ROBERT,** and **ANDREW BRYAN** do intend to grant or release the same by indenture intended to bear date the day next after the day of the date of these presents.

And fitness wear of the said parties to these presents set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

JOHN BRYAN {seal}
ALEXANDER BRYAN {seal}
JAMES BRYAN {seal}
CATHERINE BRYAN {seal}
CHARLES BRYAN {seal}
NATHANIEL BRYAN {seal}
WILLIAM BRYAN {seal}
ANDREW BRYAN {seal}
ROBERT BRYAN {seal}

WILLIAM CLARK {seal}

New Castle County Head knowledge to buy all the parties in open Court of Common Pleas held at New Castle for the county of New Castle in February term 1771.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of the said Court.

THEODORE MAURICE, prothonotary

Recorded August 17th 1771

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