

Deed, NC, Johnston, Sheriff, JOHN BRYAN to NATHANIEL THORNTON, 1790

THIS INDENTURE made this ___ day of _____ in the year of Our Lord 1791.

BETWEEN **JOHN BRYAN** Esquire, High Sheriff of the county of Johnson of the one part and **NATHANIEL THORNTON** of Sampson County in the state of North Carolina of the other part.

WITNESSETH that whereas by a writ of fieri facias issuing from the county court of Johnston at November term commanding him, the said Sheriff, that of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of **SAMUEL ELDRIDGE** he make the sum of £41.09.09 current money to satisfy a judgment and costs in a suit against the said **SAMUEL ELDRIDGE**, by **LAVAR JERNIGAN Sr.**, and in obedience to the commander of he, the said **JOHN BRYAN**, High Sheriff as aforesaid, did possession take of one negro wench, the proper estate of the said **SAMUEL ELDRIDGE** for the purpose of raising the aforesaid sum.

AND after giving due and legal notice on the 7th day of February last past he, the said Sheriff aforesaid, did set up the said negro wench at public sale and **NATHANIEL THORNTON**, aforesaid, then and there being, did bid for said negro wench the sum of £41.11.06 and was the highest bidder, and the same was struck off to him has the highest at aforesaid sum of £41.11.06 specie.

NOW THIS INDENTURE witnesseth that the said **JOHN BRYAN** Esquire, High Sheriff, aforesaid, for an inconsideration of the sum of £41.11.06 specie hath bargained, sold, and delivered, unto the said **NATHANIEL THORNTON**, his heirs and assigns the aforesaid negro wench named PATIENCE to his and their own proper use, benefit, and behoof forever.

AND that he, the said **NATHANIEL THORNTON**, his heirs and assigns shall and may, from time to time and at all times, by, from, by force and virtue of these presents, enjoy the said negro wench freely and clearly, acquitted and discharged of, from, all manner of encumbrances whatsoever.

AND the said **JOHN BRYAN** Esquire, High Sheriff, aforesaid, doth hereby covenant, promise, and agree, to and with, the said **NATHANIEL THORNTON** his heirs, executors, administrators to warrant and forever secure and defend the aforesaid bargained negro wench from the lawful claim or demand of any person or persons whatsoever to him the said **NATHANIEL THORNTON**, his heirs and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said **JOHN BRYAN**, Esquire, High Sheriff aforesaid hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

JOHN BRYAN {seal}

Signed, sealed, delivered in the presence of

JOHN BRYAN

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Johnston County

August term 1791

Then was the execution of this deed dually proved in open court by the oath of **JOHN BRYAN** Sr. and ordered to be registered.

R. SANDERS, C. C.

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