This Indenture, made this first day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred & Ninety; Between Phillip Rairford Esquire high Sheriff of Johnston and State of North Carolina of the One part: Witnesseth. that whereas by a Writ of Firefacias issued from the County Court of Johnston in August Term One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Seven to the Sheriff of Johnston County Commanding him the said Sheriff to make of the Goods & Chattels, Lands & Tenements of Samuel Eldridge a sum sufficient to satisfy the Debt and costs of a judgment therein upraised and charged which was recovered against the said Eldridge in the aforesaid Court by Alexander Duncan Wherenpon Arthur Bryan the then Sheriff did enter upon and posession take of Two tracts of Land lying in the County of Johnston the proper Right & Estate of the said Samuel Eldridge bounded by the lines and courses herein after described and the same so taken after giving due and legal notice upon a day appointed on the premises did set up the Two aforesaid Tracts of Land containing in the whole Two Hundred & fifty — which was the proper Estate of the said Samuel Eldridge to public sale for the purpose of raising the sum by the aforesaid Writ required and no person appearing to bid for the same the said Writ of Firefacias was by the said Sheriff Returned No sale, for want of Bidders and in consequence of the said Return a Scire facias was issued from the aforesaid Court of Johnston County Commanding Yow the said Sheriff to expose, to public — the Two aforesaid tracts of Land and plantation the property of Samuel Eldridge to satisfy the above said judgment and costs obtained against him by the aforesaid Alexander Duncan and in obedience to the com-
mand thereof and in pursuance and compli-

of the several Acts of Assembly of this State in such case made & provided and on a Day appointed by you the said Sheriff being the second day of February Term in the year of 1787. and on the aforesaid day and place Morgan Whitfield did appear on the behalf of Nathaniel Thornton aforesaid and did bid for the whole of the two aforesaid tracts or parcels of Land the sum of Twenty one Pounds fourteen Shillings Specie and was the highest bid bidder for the said Lands and the same was struck off to him as the highest at the aforesaid sum of Twenty one Pounds fourteen Shillings Specie. Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Phillip Raiford Esquire the present Sheriff hath for & in consideration of the aforesaid sum of Twenty one Pounds fourteen Shillings Specie bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said Nathaniel Thornton the aforesaid tracts of Land which are bounded as follows the first Beginning at a Red Oak on the South of Mill Creek on the West side of a Branch known by the Name of Stephens Branch and runs thence South 56 Et. 92 poles to a Stake. thence South 82 Et. 82. poles to a Stake thence South 68 West 126. poles to a Stake. thence North 32 West to a large pine the former corner of Isaac Rushes Land. thence to the first station being the Land and part of the plantation whereon Samuel Eldridge now lives containing One hundred Acres being part of a tract of Land granted Isaac Rush Reference being had to the patent will more fully appear. The other tract Beginning at a stake on the South side of Mill Creek and on the East side of Stephens Branch runs thence North 77 West 111 poles crossing Stephens Branch to a Red Oak. thence South 37 W. 120 poles to a Red Oak the beginning corner of the aforesaid tract and runs thence South 56 Et. along the line of the same and by the [illegible] 92 poles to a pine. thence [illegible] 82 Et. 82 poles to a Stake. thence [illegible]

straight line to the beginning the upper part of
a tract of Land Granted to William Rush as a pat
ent bearing date the fourth day of April 1746 Refer
ence had thereto will more fully appear
containing One hundred and fifty acres
including the other part of the plantation
whereon Samuel Eldridge now lives. Together
with all and singular the benefits priveledges,
profits and advantages that doth to the several
tracts of Land belonging or in anywise appertain
ing. To Have & to hold the said Land and prem
ises unto the said Nathaniel Thornton his Heirs
and Assigns forever and the said Phillip Rai
ford Sheriff as aforesaid doth for himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators
hereby covenant to warrant, secure and forever
defend the same in as full and ample Man
ner to all intents, respects and purposes as
he can do in Virtue of his said office of Sheriff
of the County of Johnston and in virtue of Laws
whereby he is vested with authority to make such
conveyance to the said Nathaniel Thornton his
Heirs and Assigns forever.

In Witness whereof the said Phillip Raiford
Sheriff as aforesaid hath hereunto set his
hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed & delivered
in presence of } Phil. Raiford Sheff (Seal)
John Bryan
A. Bryan

Johnston County May Term 1790.

Then was the execution
of the within Deed acknowledged in Open Court
by Phillip Raiford & ordered to be registered.

R. Sanders C.C.

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting
know ye, that I Drewry Bryan of the County of
Johnston & State of North Carolina hath for and in
consideration of the Sum of Fifteen Pounds Specie
to me in hand paid by Bryan Whitfield of the County
of Dobbs and State aforesaid the Receipt whereof
I do hereby acknowledge and am therewith full
Satisfied, contented and paid hath bargained.
Sold, aliened, & conveyed and doth by these pres
ents bargain, sell, alien, convey, assign set over
and confirm unto the said Bryan Whitfield his
heirs and assigns forever One certain tract or
parcel of Land lying and being in the County
of Johnston on the East side of Boons branch on
both sides of the Main Road including the Red
Hill; Beginning at a post Oak on Boons branch
near Henery Rains corner Runs thence East One
Hundred and Seventy Nine poles to a Black
Jack above the Marsh branch. Thence South One
Hundred and fifty One poles to a Stake in
William Tatton's line. Thence along the said line
West Thirty Two poles to the corner. Thence along
his other line Thirty five poles to a pine by a pond.
Thence West One hundred and forty Seven poles
to a pine near James Tatton's line and near Boons
Branch. Thence up the branch to the beginning
containing Two Hundred Acres as may fully
appear by a Grant from Alexander Martin for
the same bearing date the 7th Oct. 1782. to Jacob
Giles, and by him transferred to me the said
Drewry Bryan by Deed bearing date the 7th Feby
1787. Together with all ways. Waters and water
Courses. To Have and to hold the said Granted
and bargained premises and all the appurten
ances thereunto belonging and the Rents issues
and profits thereof unto him the said Bryan
Whitfield his Heirs and assigns forever to his and
their only proper use benefit and behoof. Free
and clear of all former bargains & Incumbrances

Executions and all Manner of other encumbrances whatsoever. And the said Drewry Bryan doth by these presents agree to Warrant and defend the above bargained Land premises unto the said Bryan Whitfield his Heirs and assigns against me, my Heirs and all and every other person or persons whatsoever.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 27th day of May 1790.

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged in presence of

Thos. Moore
Henry Sheppard
Burwell Henry

Drewry Bryan (Seal)

Johnston County May Term 1790.

Then was the execution of this Deed acknowledged in Open Court by Drewry Bryan, and Ordered to be registered.

R. Sanders Clk.

This Indenture made this Ninth day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred & ninety, between Samuel Smith of the County of Johnston and province of North Carolina planter of the one part, and Ezekiel Billington of the County and province aforesaid of the other part; Witnesseth, that the said Samuel Smith, for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred Pounds Specie to him in hand paid by the said Ezekiel Billington the Receipt whereof the said Saml. Smith doth hereby acknowledge himself fully satisfied hath bargained, sold, conveyed and confirmed unto the said Ezekiel Billington, his Heirs, Exctrs. Admrs. or assigns [illegible] parcels of land [illegible]