

The said Matthew made on 12 of June 1797 B. Thos. Rich. Rankin esq. sheriff of the
 County of Mecklenburg State of N. Carolina of the one part & Robt. Alexander of the County of Lin.
 coln in State of the other Whereas by virtue of an execution issuing from the superior Court of
 the District of Maryland against John Sumpter at the suit of S. G. Guallee for the sum of
 114 pounds 4s & Whereas by virtue of another execution issuing from the County Court of
 Mecklenburg against John Sumpter at the suit of Will. Henderson & John Sharp execs.
 of the last Will & Testament of Robert Henderson Decd. for the sum of 22 pounds which
 sums were duly recovered by the S. Guallee & execs. of Henderson as of record will apper.
 And whereas the S. Executions were directed & delivered to Rich. Rankin Sheriff common
 duty him of the goods & chattels lands & tenements of the S. Sumpter to cause to be made the
 S. Sumpter to satisfy the S. executions & costs thereon And the S. Rich. Rankin in pursuance
 thereof by virtue of his office did seize & take into his possession at the request of the S.
 Sumpter (there not being sufficient of goods & chattels) several tracts pieces or parcels of land
 lying & being in Mecklenburg County app. a number of which are adjoining each
 other & others in a small distance including a number of various improvements
 viz the house in which the S. Sumpter lately lived now occupied by Cha. Wright together
 with the public ferry on the Cataba river known by Sumpter's ferry the whole of S.
 lands lie on the Cataba river & waters thereof on tract of which includes the
 one moiety or half of an oil Mill & one moiety or half of a Grist Mill the whole
 of which lands are bounded & bounded as follows viz - One tract in Mecklenburg
 County containing 86 acres beginning at a S. O. on the bank of the Cataba river
 & near Mr. Thompsons (now Decd.) corner runs thence N 82° E 64 ps. to a Siding then S 18°
 W 130 ps. to a pine then S 58° W 200 ps. to B. O. on the Cataba river then up the several
 courses of S. river to the Beginning originally granted to John Moore the 16 Nov. 1764
 by him & his wife Ann conveyed to Moses Leott 8 Oct. 1771 by the S. Moses & his wife
 Sarah Leott on the 2 of July 1778 was conveyed (together with another tract of land
 joining it containing 75 acres granted by King patent dated 25 July 1774
 beginning at a B. O. on the river bank a corner of the app. tract on which Moses Leott
 then lived runs with S. Leott's line N 58° E 200 ps. to a pine Leott's other corner of S. Leott's
 then with his other line N 18° E 44 ps. to a S. O. then S 30° E 34 ps. to a B. O. then S 40° W 140
 ps. to a pine then S 10° W 88 ps. to B. O. then to the Beginning to the S. Moses Leott) to
 Edward Shipley both of which tracts were conveyed by S. Shipley at different
 times viz the 75 acre tract last described & granted to Moses Leott to John Sumpter by
 deed dated Jan 7 10 1786 & the above 86 acre tract conveyed to S. Sumpter by
 deed dated 14 Sept. 1787 Also another tract originally granted to John Dickson
 beginning at a W. O. on Leott's line (one of the above tracts) runs thence S 20° W 140 ps.
 to a W. O. then E 140 ps. to W. O. then N 55° E 260 ps. to a Siding on or near Saw Mill
 line thence N 31° W 60 ps. to a B. O. on Rogers line then to Beginning & by the S. John
 Dickson conveyed to John Sumpter the 17 May 1787 Also another tract of land in
 Mecklenburg County on the Cataba river including the house John Sumpter lately
 lived in now occupied by Cha. Wright with the improvements & ferry called
 Sumpter's ferry & S. river containing 52 acres originally granted by State of N. Caro.
 to Sawd Allison the 22 Oct. 1782 & by the S. Sawd Allison conveyed to John Sumpter
 29 April 1788 beginning at a B. O. & Leott's corner on the bank of the Cataba
 river running thence with S. Leott's line E 88 ps. to a pine on S. Gilbraths
 line then N 44° E 52 ps. to a small B. O. Edw. Shipley's corner on S. line then with S.
 Shipley's line N 45° W 118 ps. to a B. O. his corner on the river bank near the mouth
 of a branch then down the river as it meanders to the Beginning Also another
 tract of land wound with water inapt on island in the Cataba river contain
 ing 25 acres originally granted to John Sumpter by patent from State of N. Caro.
 dated 9 July 1794 beginning in the middle of the Cataba river runs thence S 65°
 E 60 ps. to a pine on island to a Sycamore on the E bank of S. river Leott's Beaches corner
 then down the river bank S 30° W 24 ps. to a State on the river bank then down S. bank
 S 15° W 34 ps. to a State on the river bank then down S. bank S 25° W 36 ps. to a State on the

on the river bank then West 28 po to a stake in the river then to a stake the beginning of
another tract of land containing 100 acres granted to J. Sumpter by patent dated 7 Nov 1799
beginning at a birch in the Catara river runs then N 80 W 15 po to a rock in the river then
S 13 W 120 po to a rock in the river then S 10 E 30 po to a hole in the bank of the river
then S 78 E 26 po to a B.O. Luster's corner then S 41 E 120 po to a B.O. And Lewis corner
then N 53 E 104 po to a B.O. P. Lewis corner then N 53 E 104 po to a B.O. P. Lewis corner
then N 67 W 120 po to a poplar on the bank of the river then to the beginning including
four hundred and also another tract of land containing 155 acres granted by the state to
J. Sumpter by patent dated Nov 28 - 1792 beginning at a W.O. Luster's corner & the Thompson
corner runs then S 53 E 80 po to a Keith Thompson corner then with his line N 55 E 40 po
a P.O. Thompson corner then with his line S 27 E 70 po to a B.O. Thompson corner then
S 30 E 10 po to a B.O. on Sutton's line then with his line N 75 E 80 po to a W.O. Sutton corner then
N 20 W 160 po to a branch to a small R.O. then S 13 W 42 po to the same branch to a B.O.
Becker's corner then with his line N 43 W 178 po to a B.O. Becker's corner then S 34 W 140
po to the beginning Also another tract originally granted by patent to J. Sumpter dated
9 of July 1794 containing 57 acres on the E side the Catara river beginning at a pine &
Sumpter's own corner & runs then N 22 W 198 po to a small B.O. on the point of a hill
then N 24 E 10 po to a B.O. & Joy on the river bank Miles Abernethy's corner then N 60 W 16
po to a birch & purchase Matthew Tolson's corner then with his line S 17 W 132 po to a
B.O. P. Tolson's corner then to the beginning Also another tract supposed & said
to be 7 acres on which there is a grist mill & oil mill on moiety or half part of which
with 7 acres of land was sold by J. Richd. Rankin by virtue of a for satisfying of J. Sumpter's
at the time of off. land & purchased by the J. Richd. Rankin as the property of J. Sumpter but as
the title to J. Sumpter cannot be found I the J. Richd. Rankin sheriff &c as off.
do convey the off. 7 acres of land on the bank of Catara river in Richland county together
with the one moiety of J. Sumpter's oil mill in as full & ample manner as I have & by these
present will convey any of the off. tracts And I the J. Rankin do covenant & promise that
when called on by the J. Richd. Rankin his heirs exec. I will more fully & particularly convey
the J. Sumpter's land & J. Sumpter's oil mill & give such further assurance as
the J. Richd. Rankin's counsel learned in the law may or will advise or direct Also another
tract of land granted by patent to Eder Shipley dated 2 Nov 1784 & by J. Shipley con-
veyed to J. Sumpter the 14 Sept 1787 containing 96 acres 25 acres of which was con-
veyed to John Thompson by J. Sumpter 24 March 1791 & by J. Thompson conveyed to Saml Low
24 April 1797 which J. 25 acres begins as supposed from grant &c without running the land
at the 6th corner of J. land from the by. runs S 60 E 80 po to the 7th corner &c for 25 acres
which was not executed nor sold as Sumpter's property nor included in this title Which
tract of 96 acres (71 only conveyed) begins at a W.O. John Dickson corner on J. Shipley line
runs with J. line N 28 E 52 po to a B.O. J. Shipley's own corner then with his line N 32
W 38 po to a R.O. J. Shipley's other corner then with his line N 13 E 84 po to a Keith-
of his corner on J. Thompson's line (now dec.) then with J. line N 36 E 57 po to a R.O. J.
Thompson's corner then with his line N 20 E 77 po to a B.O. (now dead) on J. line then S 6
E 80 po to a small W.O. in a draught then S 37 W 250 po to a stake then W 20 po to
And whereas some of the conveyances of J. Sumpter have not been proven or were not
& recorded at the time of Levy & sale of his lands & some were not to be procured the conveyances
of which have been obtained & whereas the whole land here conveyed amounts to no more
by estimation than 366 acres Now should it hereafter appear that the J. Sumpter has or has
other lands within the County of Richland which were not levied on & sold before the
sale of the above tracts I the J. Richd. Rankin esq. Sheriff as off. do covenant &
agree with the J. Richd. Rankin to make convey the same & therefore make him or in default
able title in fee simple to him & his heirs for ever It is further understood & I the J.
Richd. do by these presents convey unto the J. Richd. Rankin & his heirs All the real estate
that was on the 25 of Feb 1797 within the County of Richland the property of
J. Sumpter - And the J. Richd. Rankin Sheriff as off. after due advertisement
according to law did cause the J. Sumpter's land to be set up at public sale on the 25
Feb 1797 with all the appurtenances thereto belonging at which time & place the J. Richd.
Rankin became the last & highest bidder at the sum of 181 pounds 1/- for J. land &c
This I do venture therefore further Witness that the J. Richd. Rankin Sheriff as off. for &c in
consideration of the J. Sumpter's 181 pounds 1/- in hand paid by the J. Richd. Rankin the
whereof is hereby ack. &c the J. Richd. Rankin Sheriff as off. by virtue of his off. do
hereby buy all above enprof. & confirm unto the J. Richd. Rankin his heirs & assigns
All the off. described & mentioned lands equally to the true intent & meaning

present the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin doth hereby acknowledge convey & confirm all right title claim or demand of in or to the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin or parcels of land above described with all the kind title matters & improvements to the same belonging to have & to hold to him the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin his heirs & assigns for ever in as full & ample manner as the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin is empowered by his office (well further the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin Sheriff doth covenant promise & grant that he the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin his heirs & assigns shall & may from time to time & at all times hereafter have hold occupy possess & enjoy the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin premises with the appurtenances free & clear of & from all incumbrances had made or done by the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin or his order & that the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin will warrant & defend the same to the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin his heirs & assigns for ever so far as his office of Sheriff will admit & no further In Witness whereof the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin Sheriff as aforesaid hath hereunto set his hand & seal the day & year first above written

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of
S. Lowrie James Martin

Rich Rankin Sheriff

Rich Rankin County July 15th 1797

Sept. 5. 1797 The execution of this deed was duly
ack'd in open Court & admitted to record by Isaac Alexander Clerk

THIS INDENTURE made the 27 of March 1794 between Alexander Hodge of County of Mecklenburg State of N. Carolina of the one part & John Mullown of the other part that for & in consideration of the sum of 200 pounds currency of State in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby fully acknowledged the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin Hodge doth hereby grant bargain sell unto the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin Mullown his heirs or assigns a certain piece or parcel of land lying in the County & State containing 200 acres more or less lying on the N. W. side of N. C. River near including John Mullown's improvements beginning at 3 E. C. & a Gum on the N. bank of ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin Creek & runs N. 1/4 po to a p. & then N. 7/8 po to a large B. O. & p. O. then N. 61 & 272 po to a p. O. by a large Rock then S. 30 & 7 po to a E. O. on the bank of ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin Creek then down the various courses or meanders of ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin Creek to the beginning

to have & to hold the aforesaid 200 acres of land & appurtenances & all rights privileges & improvements to the same in any way belonging to the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin Hodge his heirs & assigns for ever & the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin Alexander Hodge for himself his heirs & assigns doth covenant & agree to & with the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin John Mullown that the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin John Mullown his heirs & assigns shall & may forever hereafter have hold possess & enjoy the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin lands & tenements without let or molestation of any person whatever & the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin Hodge doth oblige himself his heirs & assigns to warrant & defend the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin lands & premises to the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin John Mullown his heirs & assigns for ever against the claims of all persons whatever In Witness whereof the ²⁹⁸ Rich Rankin Hodge hath hereunto set his hand & seal the day & year first above written

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of
Will Black James Boyer

Alex Hodge

Mecklenburg County July 15th 1797

The execution of this deed was duly acknowledged

in Open Court & admitted to record in order to be registered
Isaac Alexander Clerk

Sept. 5. 1797