

The within Power of Attorney was registered in my office the 6<sup>th</sup>  
day of September anno Domini 1797 as also the copy of Bradley  
Gardner's will & the other annexed certificates.

D. T. Long P.R.

This Indenture made this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December in the Year one thousand  
one hundred & Ninety Six between Alexander Jeffums & Elizabeth  
Jeffums his wife of Edgecomb County and Province of North Carolina  
of the one part and Henry Hodges of the County & Province of North Carolina  
of the other part, witnesseth that the said Alexander Jeffums &  
Ely<sup>a</sup> his wife for & in consideration of the sum of two hundred & fifty  
pounds Specie to them in hand paid before the sealing & delivering  
hereof, well & truly paid by Henry Hodges who receipt whereof  
the said Alex<sup>r</sup> Jeffums & Elizabeth his wife both hereby acknowledge  
& themselves fully satisfied & paid of every part thereof doth  
humbly acquit & Discharge the said Henry Hodges & his heirs  
forever hath granted sold conveyed & confirmed & by these presents  
doth fully clearly Grant sell Convey & confirm to him the said  
Henry Hodges his heirs & assigns forever all the plantation & tract of  
Land containing by Estimation two hundred acres of Land he the same  
more or less, it being the plantation & tract or parcel of Land wherein  
Bar. Barnes formerly lived lying & being in Halifax County & province  
of North Carolina on the so side of Roanoke River & on both sides of Black  
man's Branch beginning as follows, beginning at William Killings  
with corner tree, then along a line of Marked trees to a gum in  
the head of a Branch thence along the said Branch to Tahuke  
Branch, thence down the said Branch to a gum in the swamp,  
thence along a line of Marked trees to a red oak, then along a line  
of Marked trees to a pine, thence to the head of John Blackman's  
Branch to a Maple, so down the said Branch to the first Station  
to have and to hold forever the said Granted & Bargained premises with  
all the reversion & reversions, remainders & remainders, tail the apparte-  
nances & privileges thereto belonging to him the said Henry Hodges  
his heirs & assigns forever to his & their only proper use benefit & behoof  
forever and the said Alex<sup>r</sup> Jeffums & Elizabeth his wife for them-  
selves their heirs Exors & Advers. doth Covenant promise & agree  
to with the said Henry Hodges his heirs & assigns that the said  
Henry Hodges his heirs & assigns shall & may at all times  
forever hereafter by virtue of these presents lawfully & peaceably  
possess & enjoy the aforesaid lands & premises free & clear from  
all encumbrances claims & demands whatsoever furthermore  
the said Alex<sup>r</sup> Jeffums & Ely<sup>a</sup> his wife for themselves their heirs  
& successors doth Covenant, warrant the said land & premises  
with all the appertinences to him the said Henry Hodges his  
heirs Exors & Advers. forever against the claims & demands of any