John Duvall late of the same County Deceased, who intermarried with Elizabeth the Daughter of the said William Jones, and to the heirs of the body of the said Elizabeth, by the said John Duvall lawfully to be begotten & for want of such issue then to the Use & behoof of the heirs of the Body of the said Elizabeth lawfully to be begotten, & in Law of Default or want of such Issue then to the Use & behoof of the Right heirs of the said William Jones for ever And whereas the said John Duvall died intestate leaving issue three sons & four Daughters Viz: Lewis, Samuel & Alexander Duvall, Elizabeth now the wife of John Gaither, Sarah now the wife of Samuel Farmer, Comfort now the wife of William Griffith, & Rachel now the wife of William Waters, whereby the said two hundred Acres of land vested in the said Lewis Duvall, as son & heir to the said John Duvall deceased And whereas the said two hundred Acres of Land is now near all cut down & the buildings thereon old & Decayed & not more than about thirty or forty Acres of wood land ground belonging to the said land, & but a small part of the Timber thereon fit for Clap boards, whereby the said Lewis Duvall was been obliged for the support of himself & Family amongst whom are many small Children to remove thence from & settle upon other fresh Lands, better suited to his unfortunate Circumstances & whereas the said Lewis Duvall is & stands seized in fee Simple of & in a certain Tract or parcell of Land called Pretty Land lying in the County aforesaid & granted to the said Lewis the tenth day of June seventeen hundred thirty & four fifty Acres as also of & in another Tract or parcell of Land called Addition lying & adjoyning to the said last mentioned fifty Acres, as also of & in another Tract or parcell of Land called Grimetts Chance lying & adjoyning to the said two Tracts last mentioned or one of them & granted on the third day of February Seventeen hundred twenty & eight for One hundred Acres unto a Captain Thomas Worthington who by deed duly made & executed & recorded bearing date the thirty first day of March Seventeen hundred thirty and Seven conveyed the same to the said Lewis Duvall, which said Severall & respective Tracts of Land last mentioned are mostly wood land & adjoyning as aforesaid with some other improvements thereon which he the said Lewis Duvall is willing to Settle to the uses of the said entailed Lands so as that the fee Simple Estate of the said Entailed Lands may be confirmed to him whereby the said Lewis & his Family may be hereafter settled & secured to them whereby the said Lewis Duvall & his Family may be comfortably subsisted, all which appears to be very just & reasonable & for as much as it was certified to the said Assembly by the Platters Concerned in the right to the same intailed Land called Willsons Grove, that they were willing & desirous that the Entail of the said Land should be cleared & an Estate in Fee Simple therein vested in the said Lewis Duvall & that the three other Tracts of Land aforementioned should be entailed to the same uses in stead thereof it was therefore then enacted that all that Tract or parcell of Land called Willsons Grove so as aforesaid conveyed unto the said John Duvall & Elizabeth his Wife & to the heirs of the body of the said Elizabeth by the said John Duvall lawfully to be begotten & whereof the said John Duvall died seized as aforesaid with all & Singular the Appurtenances thereunto belonging be and are hereby vested in the said Lewis Duvall his heirs & Assigns forever & be the said Lewis Duvall his heirs & Assigns shall hold the same free and discharged from all the Limitations in the said deed of the said William Jones to the said John Duvall & Elizabeth his wife, contained & that the aforesaid severall & respective Tracts of Land called Pretty Land, the Addition, & Grimetts Chance with the Severall appurtenances thereunto belonging lying in Ann Arundell County aforesaid and adjoyning as aforesaid be & are hereby vested in the said Lewis & his heirs & the heirs of the Body of the said Elizabeth by the said John Duvall lawfully begotten & for want of such issue, then in the Right heirs of the said heirs of the body of the said William Jones for ever & that all & every Person & persons whatsoever who by the deed last mentioned or any other person might have claimed the said first mentioned entailed Lands (now vested in the said Lewis Duvall by virtue of the Limitations in the said last mentioned deed contained) should for ever thereafter hold & enjoy all and Singular the said last mentioned severall & respective three Tracts of Land called Pretty Land, the Addition, & Grimetts Chance & premises with the appurtenances thereunto belonging wholly one after another as they might have claimed & held the said entailed land if that Act had never been made as by the said Act relation being thereunto had may more at large appear. Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Lewis Duvall, for & in Consideration of the Sum of One hundred & thirty pounds Sterling money of Great Brittain, to him in hand paid & secured to be paid by the said William Steele the Receipt whereof he the said Lewis Duvall doth hereby acknowledge he the said Lewis Duvall hath granted bargained sold aliened & confirmed & by these presents doth Grant Bargain sell alien & Confirm to the said William Steele his heirs & Assigns forever all that aforesaid Tract of Land containing two hundred Acres as aforesaid called Willsons Grove lying & being in the County aforesaid To have & to hold the aforesaid Tract of Land & premises with the Appurtenances unto the said William Steele his heirs & Assigns for ever and the said Lewis Duvall for himself his heirs Executors & Admrs doth Covenant promise grant & agree to & with the said William Steele his heirs & Assigns that he the said Lewis Duvall the aforesaid Bargained tract of Land & premises above mentioned with

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the Appurtenances to the said William Steele his heirs & Assigns against him the said Lewis Duvall & his heirs & all other Persons shall & will warrant & for ever defend by these presents, In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands & seals the Day & year first above written

Sealed & delivered in the presence of
Robert Gordon
R. Smith

Lewis Duvall (Seal)

Maryland ss Then received of the within named William Steele the Sum of One hundred & thirty pounds Sterling the Consideration money of the within mentioned premises Witness my hand this 17th day of October 1737

Lewis Duvall

Test Robert Gordon
R. Smith

Maryland Oct: 17th 1737 then Came the within named Lewis Duvall before me the Subscriber one of his Lordships Justices of the Provincial Court & acknowledged the within deed to be his act & deed for the uses of the within named William Steele and Hence the wife of the within named Lewis Duvall being privately examined out of the hearing of the said Lewis her said husband declared that she acknowledged the same deed willingly & freely without being induced thereto by fears or threats of, or ill usage of her said husband or fear of his displeasure According to the form of the Act of Assembly in that Case made & provided, acknowledged before me the day & year aforesaid

Robert Gordon

Recorded Nov: 1. 1737

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Maryland ss Know all Men by these presents that I William Phillips of Ann Arundell County planter for & in Consideration of three pounds Nineteen Shillings Sterling money to me in hand paid by Thomas Worthington of the aforesaid County Merchant the receipt whereof I hereby acknowledge by these presents have given granted Bargained sold & Confirmed and by these presents do give grant bargain sell & Confirm unto the said Thomas Worthington his Executors Administrators and all my Crop of Tobacco now on the plantation where I live belonging unto Nicholas Aldridge also one bundle Cow market with a crop a upper & under bit & slit in the right ear & a crop & slit in the left ear & one bundle heifer Calf unmarkt to be marked the same mark of the Cow one red sow the same mark of the Cow all which said Crop of tobacco now on the plantation aforesaid Cow & Cow calf & Sow with the increase of the said Cow & Sow I hereby oblige my self my heirs Executors & Administrators to warrant & for ever defend unto the said Thomas Worthington his Executors Administrators & Assigns against all persons whatsoever by these presents, Provided allways that if the said William Phillips his Executors or Administrators shall shall pay to the said Thomas Worthington his Executors Administrators or Assigns the full and just Sum of Due thousand pounds of good clean tobacco clear from any trashy or bad tobacco clear from Wood on the new dwelling plantation of the said Phillips or the same County and deliver at the Quarter of the said Thomas near to where the said William lives as also pay what the charges of recording this deed shall amount to the said Tob & charge of this deed to be paid as aforesaid on or before the first day of April next ensuing the date hereof then this deed of Sale to be void & of no Effect Else to be remain in full force Effect & Value

Wm Phillips (Seal)

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of us
Edw. Gaither
Sarah Gaither

4th day of Novemr 1737 then Came William Phillips & acknowledged this deed of Sale & the Goods & Chattles therein contained to be the right of the within named Thomas Worthington his Executors Administrators & Assigns According to Act of Assembly in such Cases made & provided taken by me

Edwd Gaither

Recorded 5th Nov: 1737

Maryland ss Be it Remembred that We Abraham Berkhead & Abigail Wife of the said Abraham of Ann Arundell County for the good will & Affection we have for our trusty Negro Man named Thomas Denby & for divers other good Causes & Considerations us hereunto moving Doe by these presents from & after the Death of the said Abigail Wife of the said Abraham Berkhead release acquit & discharge him the said Thomas Denby from all Manner of Services whatsoever to be clearly & absolutely free to at his Liberty, immediately from & after the time aforesaid In

(Witness)