from the Books of Barnes and Ridgate

Richd Barnes.

Exhibit No. 4

Charles County to wit. Know all men by these presents that I George Frazier Hawkins of prince Georges County for and in consideration of the sum of seventy five pounds Current money to me in hand paid by John Barnes and Thomas How Ridgate of Charles County the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and therefrom acquit and discharge the said John Barnes and Thomas How Ridgate their heirs Executors and administrators and every of them. have bargained and sold and by these presents Do bargain and sell unto the said John Barnes and Thomas How Ridgate their Executors and administrators one negro man named Jeney being the same negro man which I purchased of Daniel Jenifer at public Vendue and which was mortgaged by a certain John Duncastle to the said Daniel Jenifer To have and to hold the said negro man named Jeney to them the said John Barnes and Thomas How Ridgate their Executors and administrators and to their only proper use and behoof. In Witness whereof the said George Frazier Hawkins have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this thirteenth day of August seventeen hundred and Sixty eight.

Signed Sealed and delivered
In the presence of us
John Mc Pherson Jr
Jacob Forney

Geo. F. Hawkins (Seal)

On the 13th August 1768 came the within named George Frazier Hawkins before me the subscriber

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one of his Lordships Justices of the peace for Charles County and acknowledged the within writing to be his act and deed and the negro man therein mentioned to be the right of the within named John Barnes and Thomas How Ridgate their Executors and administrators. according to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided. before

Tho Stone.

Charles County sct. 12th August 1768. Received into the Clerks Office to be Recorded. and Recorded among the Land Records of Charles County in Liber O No 3. folio 462 and 463.

Philip R^d Fendall

No. 5.

Charles County sct June 25th 1773. Townley Bruce being sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God, deposeth and saith. That about five years ago Mr Thomas How Ridgate delivered to this deponent, a Book or Ledger marked A containing accounts kept by Mrs Elizabeth Doncastle from august 1766 to the last of December 1767. in which Book it appeared that several sums of money were due to the said Mrs Doncastle. That the said Thomas How Ridgate desired this deponent to collect the same and apply the produce there of to the credit of an account kept on the books of Messrs. Barnes and Ridgate in port Tobacco in name of "Randolph Hawkins in trust for Sally and Betsy Doncastle" That this Deponent collected what he could of the said debts. That during the time he this deponent was collecting the same, a certain Joseph Wilson at that time barr keeper to the said Mrs Doncastle, often carried the said book or ledger from the compting room of the said Barnes and Ridgate to the house of the said Mrs Doncastle in order (as this deponent believes) to copy or settle some of the accounts therein; and that the said Wilson always returned the said Book. That the said Mrs Doncastle informed this Deponent that there were some accounts in the said Book against Gentlemen to whom she owed money. and particularly mentioned Mr Samuel

(Hanson)