figures bind. Whereas doubts have arisen and do exist as to the construction, purport and operation of the will of the late Col Richard Barnes of Saint Mary's County, John T Mason is advised and does believe that the whole estate, real, personal and mixed whereof the said Richard Barnes died seized and possessed, or to which he was in any wise entitled, passed and belongs to him the said John in and by virtue of the said will, in which event the said John is desirous as far as in him lies to make provision for the children of his brothers and sisters, the nephew and niece of the said Barnes, at the same time others are of opinion that the said Richard Barnes died intestate, and if so, that his estate descended and belongs to his heirs generally, and his legal representatives - to prevent now and at all times hereafter as far as it is in the power of the parties to these presents all law suits, controversies, claims and disputes relative to the estate of said Barnes' real, personal and mixed, and to any and every part thereof - This Indenture made this twenty fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, between John T Mason of Washington county in the State of Maryland, nephew, devisee and sole executor of Richard Barnes aforesaid of the one part and George Mason Chichester of Fauquier county in the Commonwealth of Virginia, son of John Hampson Chichester, one of the heirs at law of the said Richard Barnes of the other part Witnesseth, that the said John T Mason for and in consideration of the premises, and also for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he has and bears towards the said George his nephew, and also for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him the said John in hand paid by the said George at the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained and sold and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto him the said George Mason Chichester, all the right title and interest of him the said John T Mason of in and to a tract of land situate lying and being in Washington county aforesaid, near the Big Spring, supposed to contain four hundred and seventeen acres more or less, whereof the said Richard Barnes died seized and possessed, and whereof the said John T Mason is now seized and possessed, the same being made up of parts of two tracts of land, one called "Perseverance" patented to the said Richard Barnes, the other being part of a tract of land the name of which is not recollected, but which was conveyed by Rowland Chambers to the said Richard Barnes in exchange for a part of the land called "Perseverance" - To have and to hold the said tract of land, as to all the right title and interest of him the said John T Mason therein, together with all things appertaining thereto, unto him the - George Mason Chichester his heirs and assigns forever. And this Indenture further witnesseth that the said George Mason Chichester for and in consideration of the premises, and also for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him the said George in hand paid by the said John at the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted, bargained, sold, released and confirmed; and by these presents

doth grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm unto him the said John T Mason all the estate, real, personal and mixed, wherever the same is, or whatever nature the same may be, whereof the said Richard Barnes died seized or possessed, or to which he was in any wise entitled, save and except only, the lands with all and singular their appurtenances herein and hereby before conveyed by the said John to the said George. To have and to hold all and singular the estate real and personal and mixed whereof the said Richard Barnes died seized or possessed, or to which he was in any wise entitled, save and except as is above excepted, unto him the said John T Mason his heirs and assigns forever: And the said John T Mason for himself his heirs and assigns doth by these presents covenant and agree to and with the said George Mason Chichester his heirs and assigns that he the said George his heirs and assigns, shall forever hereafter hold enjoy possess, occupy and have all and singular the lands, tenements and hereditaments, together with all and singular their appurtenances herein and hereby conveyed or intended to be conveyed to him the said George by him the said John free and clear from and of all claims, pretensions or demands whatsoever in Law or in equity of him the said John his heirs or assigns, or any other person or persons claiming or to claim through or under him or them or - of them. And the said John T Mason for himself his heirs and assigns doth by these presents further covenant to and with the said George Mason Chichester his heirs and assigns, that he the said John his heirs and assigns will at all times and at every time hereafter at the reasonable request and at the proper costs and charges of him the said George his heirs or assigns, make, do and execute any deed, writing or other instrument which he the said George his heirs or assigns, or his or their counsel learned in the Law may deem necessary for the better and more effectually securing to him the said George his heirs or assigns the lands with all and singular their appurtenances herein and hereby conveyed by him the said John to him the said George free and clear from all claim, right and demand of him the said John T Mason or any person claiming by, through or under him - And the said George Mason Chichester for himself his heirs and assigns doth by these presents covenant to and with the said John T Mason his heirs and assigns, that he the said John his heirs and assigns shall forever hereafter hold and enjoy, possess and have all and singular the estate, real personal and mixed whereof the said Richard Barnes died seized or possessed, or to which he was at the time of his death in any wise entitled, save and except only the lands with all things appertaining thereto, which are by these presents herein and hereby before conveyed, or meant to be conveyed by the said John to him the said George free and clear of and from all claims, rights and demands whatsoever in Law or in equity, whether now existing or hereafter to arise or accrue to him the said George his heirs and assigns. And the said George Mason Chichester for himself his heirs and assigns doth by these presents, covenant to and with the said John T Mason his heirs and assigns, that he the said George his heirs and assigns shall and will at all times and at any time