

These this Indenture and this writ, witness James Taylor Clerk  
of our said Court at the Courthouse this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October in the  
year of our Common Wealth

James Taylor

By Virtue of the Commission as within mentioned with  
Subscribers did this day go to the within named Ann Butcher  
and having Examined her Privately and apart from the  
within mentioned John Butcher her said husband and we do  
Certifie that she Declared that it was without the persou  
-asion or Threats of her said husband that she freely and Volun  
-tarily Acknowledged the conveyance Contained in the said  
Indenture in the Commission mentioned and that she was  
willing that this same should be recorded in the County Court  
of Orange with up our hands and Seals this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October

1778

Fielding Lewis (L)

John Lewis (L)

At about held for Orange County on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 1778 This Indenture from John Butcher and Ann  
his wife to John Collins was proved by the oaths of John Conner  
John Proctor and John Hyatt three of the witness thereto and ordered  
to be recorded with Commission

James Taylor C. O. C.

This Indenture made this twenty fourth day of January in  
the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and  
seventy nine between James Taylor of the County of Orange  
and Common Wealth of Virginia and Bernard Franklin of the

County of Orange and Common Wealth the fore said Witnesseth  
that this said James Taylor for and in consideration of fifty  
pounds current money to him the said Taylor in hand paid  
the receipt whereof he doth hereby Acknowledge we have bargained  
and sold and doth by these presents bargain sell unto the above  
the Bernard Franklin one piece or parcel of land containing by Estima  
-tion one hundred acres it being a part of a patent granted to Laurence  
-w Franklin by William Gooch in the year one thousand seven hundred  
and seventy nine he being then Governor of Virginia from which said  
the above land will more fully appear Beginning at a corner white  
Oak and red Oak in William Bartlett the line thence along his line  
south thirty five Degrees west Eighty pole to a corner <sup>tree</sup> and pine  
corner of the said Bartlett thence north fifty five Degrees west two  
hundred pole to a white Oak thence north fifty five Degrees east  
Eighty pole to two corner pine and a red Oak on a ridge thence South  
fifty <sup>five</sup> Degrees east two hundred pole to the beginning Together with  
all woods and waters Improvements of use profits and conveniences  
to the same belonging in any wise appertaining with the Reversion  
and Reversions Remainder and Remainders thereof and all the whole  
Inherent right title claim or Demand of James Taylor or unto the said  
Tract of land and premises and every part and parcel thereof with  
all and every of the appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said  
Bernard Franklin his heirs and assigns forever To have and to  
hold the said tract of land hereby described and conveyed unto the  
Bernard Franklin his heirs and assigns forever to him and their heirs  
property and behoof and the said James Taylor for himself and for  
his heirs doth Covenant and agree and grant to and with the said Berna  
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