

John Poythress, Gentl. 17 March 1736

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George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c To all to whom these Present shall come Greeting Know Ye that for a good Causes and Considerations but more especially for and in Consideration of the Sum of Thirty Five Shillings of good and lawful Money for our the paid to our Receiver General of our Revenues in this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia We have Given Granted & Confirmed and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do Give Grant and Confirm unto John Poythress Gentl. one certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing Three hundred and twenty five Acres lying and being in the County of Brunswick on the South Side of Maherin River and on the North side of Fountain's Creek and bounded as followeth (to wit) Beginning at a sassafras and Holly by the Side of Fountain's Creek aforesaid a Corner of James Chappels Land Thence by Chappels Lines North two hundred and thirty six Poles to a black Oak and North East sixty six Poles to a Maple by the Side of the Great Swamp Thence up the various Courses of the Run of the said Swamp to a mark't live Oak a Corner of William Duglass's Land Thence by Duglasse's Lines North eighty Degrees West fifty four Poles to a black Oak a Corner of Samuel Clarks Land Thence by Clark's Line South West by West one hundred and sixty Poles to a Hiccory Thence South twenty eight Degrees West sixty two Poles pole to a Maple by the Side of the Cane Branch a Corner of the said poythress's other Land Thence by his own old Lines North East by East eighty six Poles to a black Oak South East by East one hundred and seventy seven Poles to a white Oak South by East eighty nine Poles to a red Oak South seventy five Degrees West fifty seven Poles to a red Oak South eighty five Degrees West fifty four Poles to a white Oak South seventy five Degrees West twenty eight Poles to a black Oak and West by North forty four Poles to a Gum by the Side of Fountain's Creek just against the mouth of the Cane Branch and down the various Courses of the Run of the said Creek to the beginning With all Woods Underwoods Swamps Marshes Lowgrounds Meadows Feedings and his dues There of all Veins Mines and Quarries as well discovered as not discovered with the bounds aforesaid and being part of the said quantity of three hundred and twenty veins Acres of Land and the Rivers Waters and Water Courses therein contained together with the Privileges of Hunting Hawking Fishing Fowling and all other Profits Commodities and Hereditaments whatsoever to the same or any part thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining To have hold Possess and Enjoy the said Tract or Parcel of Land and all other the before granted Premises and every part thereof with their and every of their Appurts unto the said John Poythress and to his Heirs and Assigns forever To the only Use and Behoof of him the said John Poythress his Heirs and Assigns forever To be held of us our Heirs and Successors as of our Mannor of East Greenwich in the County of Kent free and common Soccage and not in Capite or by Knights Service Yielding and Paying unto us our Heirs and Successors forever fifty Acres of Land and so proportionably for a lesser or greater quantity than fifty Acres the Fee Rent of one Shilling Yearly to be paid upon the Feast of Saint Michael the Arch Angel and also Cultivating and Improving three Acres part of every fifty of the Tract

abovementioned within three Years after the Date of these Presents Provided always that if three Years of the said Fee Rent shall at any Time be in Arrears and Unpaid or if the said John Poythress heir Heirs or Assigns do not within the Space of three Years next coming after the Date of these Presents Cultivate and Improve three Acres part of every fifty of the Tract abovementioned Then the Estate hereby granted shall Cease and be utterly Determined and thereafter it shall and may be lawful to and for us our Heirs and Successors to grant the same Lands and Premisses with the Appurts unto such other Person or Persons as we our Heirs and Successors shall think fit In Witness whereof we have caused these our Letters Patent to be made Witness our Trustey and Wellbeloved William Gooch Esqr. our Lieut Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Colony and Dominion at Williamsburg Under the Seal of our said Colony the Seventeenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and thirty six In the Tenth Year of our Reign.