

The said Richard Blackledge Jun^r his Heirs or Assigns or their Council
lawful in the law shall be reasonably devised advised or required

In Witness whereof The said John Fowler and Richard Blackledge
Jun^r have hereunto set their Hands and seals the Day and Year first
above Written

John Fowler 
R. Blackledge Jun^r 

Sealed and Delivered }
in the presence of }

Owen Owens

Benj^a Eggleston

New Bern May 26th 1775. Received from Richard
Blackledge Jun^r Twenty five Pounds Pro. Money being the full
consideration Money in the within Deed mentioned

£25. Witness Present

John Fowler
R. Blackledge Jun^r

Benj^a Eggleston

New Bern June 10th 1775. The Execution of the within Deed was
Duly Proved by the Oath of Owen Owens one of the subscribing
Witnesses — Let it be Registered

M. Howard C. J.

This Indenture made this Twenty fourth Day of February in the Year of
Our Lord Christ Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy
five Between Philip Tate of Beavon County in the Province of North
Carolina Carpenter of the one part and William Morris of the same County
and Place of the other part Witnesseth the said Philip Tate for and in
consideration of the sum of Five Pounds Proclamation Money to him
in hand paid by the said William Morris the Receipt whereof doth
he hereby acknowledge and himself fully satisfied contented and Paid &
hath given granted Bargained sold Enjoyed conveyed and confirmed
and by their Presents doth give Grant Bargain sell Enjoy convey and
confirm unto the said William Morris his Heirs and Assigns forever

One certain Meysage Tract or parcel of Land Situate in Craven County
 aforesaid and on the North side of Trout River. Beginning at a White Oak
 Trunks line near the Road and runs a straight line as the Road
 now runs ~~near~~ the other Road and along a line of Marked Trees to the
 back line of Benjamin Stanlands Patent then along the line of the
 said Stanlands Patent to William Morris's line from thence to the
 Pitch holes on Francis's line then along Francis's line to the Beginning con-
 taining by estimation Twenty five Acre be the same more or less. To have
 and to hold the said demised and Bargained Premises with the Appurtenances
 to him the said William Morris his Heirs and Assigns forever to him and their
 only proper use Benefit and behoof forever and the said Philip Tate
 for himself his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns and every of
 them doth covenant agree and engage to and with the said William Mor-
 ris that before the Conveying and Delivery of these Presents that he the said
 Philip Tate is the True and lawful Owner of the abovesaid demised and
 Bargained Premises and have in my self good Right and lawful
 Authority to sell and dispose of the same furthermore I the said Philip
 Tate doth Covenant and agree to Warrant and Defend the same to the
 said William Morris his Heirs and Assigns forever in full and perfect
 manner to all Intents and purposes as the most learned in the Law can
 advise devise or require (excepting only his Majesty's Duties) In
 Witness whereof I the said Philip Tate hath hereunto set my Hand
 and Seal this the day and year first above Written

Signed Sealed and Delivered }
 in the presence of

Philip Tate. 

John Morris
 Jos Dew

March Craven Superior Court 1775.
 Present His Majesty's Justices

There was the foregoing Deed Proved in open Court by
 the Oath of Joseph Dew one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto
 agreeable to Law and Proved to be Registered