

- This Indenture made this fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and one between George Booker, Everard Robinson, and William Moore (Commissioners appointed by the honorable the General Court to carry into effect the decree of the said Court which was pronounced on the fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred in Chancery in the suite wherein the honorable George Wythe Esqr. Judge of the High Court of Chancery is Plaintiff and Daniel Lawrence Hylton Defendant) of the one part and George Wythe of the other part, WITNESSETH that whereas the said Commissioners after having advertized for three weeks previous to the day of sale in
- [n. 1] one of the Richmond Newspapers the lands contained in the Indenture made on the twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two between the said
- [n. 2] George Wythe and George Wythe Sweeney and Jane his Wife of the one part, and Daniel Lawrence Hylton of the other part, mentioned in the said decree the said Daniel Lawrence Hylton having made default in the payment of the principal money, Interest and Costs at the time mentioned in the said decree This day did expose to public sale on the Premises by Auction for ready Money the lands and Appurtenances in the said decree mentioned which was sold to the said George Wythe he being the highest bidder, for the sum of fourteen hundred and thirty one pounds fifteen shillings and one penny in hand paid Current Money of Virginia. Now this Indenture further witnesseth that the said George Booker, Everard Robinson, and Wm. Moore Commissioners aforesaid, for and in consideration of the premises and pursuant to the power and Authority vested in them as aforesaid have granted, bargained and sold, [demised] and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, alien and confirm unto the said George Wythe his heirs and Assigns (he being the highest bidder) all that tract or parcel of land situate in the County of Eliza. City containing by estimation seven hundred and fifty acres, except sixteen Acres and two thirds of an Acre part thereof sold by Thomas Wythe the brother of George Wythe to one Thomas Francis and which tract or parcel of land hereby intended to be sold is bounded by the North Branch of the Back-River, formerly called old Poquoson River by three lines of the Fifty Acres lease hold land herein after mentioned by the lands of Sym[e]'s Charity School, Ross, Moore and Parsons, by the lands of Mallory, and by the land herein before said to have been sold to Francis, with all the houses and improvements thereon; And the said Commissioners do also sell, Assign, and transfer to the said George Wythe, and to his Assigns the aforesaid fifty Acres of lease hold land which by a certain Indenture made the twenty third day of
- [n. 3] November in the year of our Lord 1670 Between James Ransone of the one part and Abraham Savy and Sarah his Wife from the date of that Indenture for and during the term of Fourscore and Nineteen years thence next ensuing, which said lease was renewed by an Indenture from Richard Ransone heir at law of the said James Ransone to the said George Wythe for and during the term of fourscore and nineteen years from the twenty third day of November which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine, as may more fully appear reference being had to the said Mortgage. To have and to hold the said seven hundred and fifty Acres of land. (except as

before excepted to him the said George Wythe his heirs and Assigns and the said Fifty Acres of lease hold land to the said George Wythe and his Assigns for and during the residue of the last mentioned term of fourscore and nineteen years yet to come. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said George Booker, Everard Robinson, and William Moore Commissioners aforesaid have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day, month, and year first within written.

Signd, seal'd and delivered
In presence of
Wm. Duval
Augustine Moore
John Moore
Roscow Parsons
Wm. Seymour Miles King

George Booker (l.s.)
Everd. Robinson (l.s.) Commisers.
Wm. Moore (l.s.)

At a Court held for Eliza. City Co. July 23:1801 this deed was produced therein And proved by the oaths of Augustine Moore, Wm. Seymour, and Miles King witnesses thereto, And ordered to be Recorded.

Teste
W. Westwood Jr. D. Clk.

Notes:

1. I have not found a copy of a Richmond paper carrying this advertisement; the copies from the period are few and broken in series.

2. This George Wythe Sweeney is almost certainly not the murderer; very possibly he is the father of the murderer (but note Lyon Tyler's reference, in the W&M Quarterly, series 1, April, 1908, pp. 237-239, who in naming the children of Charles Sweeney and Margaret [sic] Wythe, "sister of Hon. George Wythe," does not give a George Wythe Sweeney and says that a son, Daniel, was "probably father of George Wythe Sweeney [i.e., the murderer]"). That he is not the murderer is suggested by the fact that contemporary accounts of the death of Wythe speak of the murderer as a young grand-nephew; William Wirt, in a letter to Monroe of 6/10/06, says that he was 16 or 17, while to have been married in 1792, he would have to have been twice that age in 1806.

3. For a reference to this Ransone-Seavey-Wythe lease of 50 acres, see GW's advertisement, searching for James Ransone's heir, in the Virginia Gazette (P&D), 8 March 1770, p. 3, col. 2.