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and meaning, of the said release of mortgage or Instrument of writing, and the act of Assembly in such case made and provided. Taken and certified the day and year above written.

Robt. Holton Geo Combs.

True Copy — Jo Harris clk.

Exhibit No 4. This Indenture made this thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty two, between William M Bowling, of Saint Mary's County in the State of Maryland, of the one part, and Edward Thomas, of the County and State aforesaid, of the other part, Witnesseth that the said William M Bowling, for and in consideration of the sum of six thousand dollars current money of the United States, to him in hand paid by the said Edward Thomas, before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof he the said William M Bowling doth hereby acknowledge, and from every part and parcel thereof doth hereby acquit, exonerate and discharge, the said Edward Thomas, his heirs, executors and administrators, he the said William M Bowling hath given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed and confirmed, and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff and confirm, unto the said Edward Thomas, his heirs and assigns, forever, all that Tract or parcel of Land, being part of a Tract or parcel of Land called Mattapony, agreeably to a Deed of conveyance for the same from a certain Henelm M Cheseldine to the said William M Bowling, bearing date on or about the ninth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two, and recorded the same day in Liber JHH No 6. folios 295 & 296. one of the land Records of Saint Mary's County aforesaid, reference thereto being had will at large and more fully appear, containing one hundred and fifty six and three quarter acres, more or less, lying and being in Saint Mary's County aforesaid, To Have and To Hold the aforesaid Lands and premises, with all its privileges and appurtenances, to him the said Edward Thomas, his heirs and assigns forever; and the said William M Bowling, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, doth hereby grant, promise and agree, to and with the said Edward Thomas, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to warrant and defend the aforesaid Land and premises, with all its privileges and appurtenances, to him the said Edward Thomas, his heirs and assigns against him the said William M Bowling, and his heirs, or any other person or persons doe shall or may hereafter claim the same, and that he the said William M Bowling, and his heirs, shall and will, at any time or times hereafter, at the request and cost of the said Edward, his heirs or assigns, execute any further deed or assurance in Law for the better and more effectual conveying and securing the said land and premises to the said Edward Thomas, his heirs and assigns, agreeably to the intention of the present conveyance. In Witness whereof the said William M Bowling hath hereunto subscribed his name, and affixed his seal, the day and year first herein before written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of.

Robt. Holton. Geo Combs.

William M. Bowling (seal)

Received on the day of the date of the within deed, of and from the within named Edward Thomas, the full and just sum of six thousand Dollars current money of the United States, being the consideration mentioned in the said Deed.

Witness, Robt. Holton. — William M. Bowling

State of Maryland, Saint Mary's County, to^t. On this thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two, personally appeared William M Bowling, of Saint Mary's County aforesaid, being the party grantor within named, before us the subscribers, two of the Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland for Saint Mary's County aforesaid, and acknowledges the within deed or instrument of writing to be his act and deed, and the land and premises therein mentioned, and thereby bargained and sold, to be the right and Estate of the within named Edward

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Thomas, party Grantee, also therein mentioned, his heirs and assigns, forever, according to the purport, true intent and meaning, of the said deed or Instrument of writing, and the act of Assembly in such case made and provided. Taken and certified the day and year above written.

Robt. Holton. Geo Combs.

True Copy — Jo. Harris clk.

Exhibit No 5. Received the 11th February 1823, of Francis Knott, the sum of one thousand and thirty seven dollars and fifty cents, being one fourth part of the purchase money, the first payment for the land called Mattapony, which I have this day sold him.

$1037 50/100. Witness Ja. Forrest. — Edward Thomas

Exhibit No. 6. Received the 6th March 1823, of Mr Francis Knott, thro' a Mr. Williams, the sum of two hundred and sixty Eight Dollars and twenty five cents, in part payment of the Land which he purchased of me.

$268. 25/100. — Edward Thomas

Witness Ja Forrest.

Exhibit No 8. Know all men by these presents, that I, Edward Thomas, of Saint Mary's County, am held and firmly bound to Francis Knott, of the County and State aforesaid, in the full and just sum of eight thousand three hundred dollars current money, to be paid to the said Francis Knott, or his certain Attorney, Executors, administrators or assigns, for which payment well and truly to be made, I bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents, sealed with my seal, and dated this fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three. Whereas the said Edward Thomas hath sold and agrees to pay to the said Francis Knott, the land lately owned and held by Henelm Greenfield Cheseldine, and the said Knott, in consideration thereof, has this day paid in cash to the said Thomas the sum of one thousand and thirty seven Dollars and fifty cents, as also executed two notes of hand payable to the said Thomas, each for fifteen hundred and fifty six dollars and twenty five cents, the one payable in twelve months, the other in Eighteen months, making with the amount first mentioned the sum of four thousand one hundred and fifty dollars, the whole amount of purchase. Now the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden Edward Thomas shall, whenever and so soon as the whole amount of purchase money shall be paid, execute and acknowledge such act, Deed or conveyance, which shall be necessary for conveying, assuring, transferring, establishing and confirming, unto the said Francis Knott, his heirs and assigns, a good, pure, absolute estate, in fee simple clear of all encumbrances of, in and to, the plantation, with the Improvements and appertenances thereto belonging, which did belong to Henelm Greenfield Cheseldine, the same being a tract or part of a tract or parcel of land called Mattapony, containing the quantity of one hundred and fifty six acres more or less, and to suffer the said Knott to take possession of the same at the expiration of the present year, and receive the rent that will become due for the same, then the above obligation to be void and of no effect, else of full force and virtue in law.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

Ja. F. Johnston. — Edward Thomas (seal)

Whereupon Subpana accordingly issued, directed to the said Henelm M Cheseldine, and Maria his wife, Ann Thomas, and Clarissa Thomas administratrix of Edward Thomas and returnable to the next Term.

At which next term, to wit, the first Monday of August, being the second day of the same month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, the sheriff of Saint Mary's County made return of the subpana against the said Henelm M Cheseldine, and Maria his wife, Ann Thomas, and Clarissa Thomas administratrix of Edward Thomas thus endorsed to wit.

"All summoned." Mr. Williams shff

And at the same term came the said Henelm M Cheseldine, and Maria