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Know all men by these presents that I Benjamin Merritt of Greenville district and State of South Carolina in consideration of the love and affection which I have & bear unto my beloved son in Law John Hodges of the State and district aforesaid, and also for divers other good causes and considerations me the said Benjamin Merritt herunto moving Have given granted and confirmed, and by these presents do give grant & confirm unto the said John Hodges all and singular my slaves lands stock of all kinds goods chattels and all my Estate both Real & Personal and whatsoever kind or sort it may consist or in whose hands custody or possession soever they be To Have and To Hold and enjoy all and singular the said Estate both Real and personal as aforesaid unto the said John Hodges his Executors administrators & assigns to the only Proper use and behoof of the said John Hodges his heirs Executors administrators and assigns forever, and I the said Benjamin Merritt all and singular the said Slaves lands and stock of all kinds goods chattels and Estate both Real and personal and all the premises unto the said John Hodges his heirs Executors administrators and assigns against me the said Benjamin Merritt my heirs Executors and administrators and all and every other Person or Persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and forever defended by these presents, of all and singular which said slaves lands stock of all kinds goods chattels & Estate both Real and personal the said Benjamin Merritt have put the said John Hodges in full possession by delivering to him one negro man slave named Moses at the time of the sealing & delivering of these presents in the name of the whole premises hereby granted.

In Witness whereof I have herunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February one thousand Eight hundred and ten Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Test<sup>s</sup>  
Barksdale Terry, David Terry

Benjamin D. Merritt L<sup>th</sup>  
March

The State of South Carolina, Greenville District, I personally appeared before me Barksdale Terry and duly made oath that he saw the within mentioned Benjamin Merritt sign seal acknowledge and deliver the within deed of gift as his act & deed unto the within mentioned John Hodges for all the purposes therein mentioned and that at the same time he saw David Terry sign his name a subscribing Witness thereto, and that at the same time he this deponent did subscribe his name a witness to the same Before the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 1810. Before me Robert Cooke J<sup>st</sup>. Barksdale Terry

Recorded the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February A.D. 1810