

I David Abernathy of the County of Lincoln & State of North Carolina for & in consideration (?) of the Sum of seven hundred dollars (to one in?) and paid the receipt whereof (whereas?) is hereby acknowledged have – sold and delivered to Columbus B. Franklin of the County of Surry and state aforesaid a certain Negro Boy named Nelson now Twenty four years old. I bind my self my heirs etc(?) to – and I defend the title to said negro against the lawful claim of all persons whatsoever Witness my hand & seal the 15 January 1844