Hence all men by these presents that I James Smith of the district of Baton Rouge Plante have for good and sufficient cause bargained sold and parted with my said land for the sum of Two Hundred Dollars current money to me in hand paid before the signing or sealing hereunto to David Potts of New Orleans Merchant one half of a certain tract of land formerly belonging to and purchased by Philip copper and to contain Two Thousand acres English measure known by No 2 and containing one whole more of life East line more or less, begin at the Forty three of the town of Hope, of part thereof a former survey of the said land bounding North on land granted to the said David Potts, South on lands granted to Francis Pouget and David Potts, which said land was granted to Benjamin Smith and James Smith, in like manner by his Excellency Governor More, as will appear by the grant of the same, dated at New Orleans the eighth day of November, One Thousand seven hundred eighty five and which tract of land is an undivided property between the said Benjamin Smith and the aforesaid James Smith, and wherein I desire to be known to all whom it may concern that I James Smith have this day bargained and sold my said undivided half of the aforesaid tract of land, containing Twenty eight acres more or less, in front, Forty three in depth, to said David Potts, Merchant, for in consideration of the aforesaid sum of Two hundred Dollars current money to me in hand paid the receipt of which I do hereby acknowledge and do give and grant to the said David Potts his heirs, Executors, Administrators, assigns for ever all the right and title given and granted by the aforesaid Governor More, to the said tract of land containing more or less Twenty eight acres more or less, in front, Forty three in depth, or less.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal at Baton Rouge this Thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord, One Thousand seven hundred eighty six.

Witness

James Smith

James Price
I, Ann Smith, spouse of the within-mentioned James Smith, do of my free will and accord, consent to the within Bill of Sale made by my said husband, James Smith, to the said David [illegible] as witness my hand and seal at Baton Rouge the thirty-first day of December, One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty.