

his Heirs and Assigns forever and to or for no other Use Intent or purpose whatsoever In  
Witness whereof the Parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their  
Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above Written

Sealed and Delivered  
in the presence of  
J<sup>r</sup> Hepburn M<sup>r</sup> Thouton

Charles Mannes Seal  
Eliz<sup>a</sup> Mannes Seal  
Ann Meade Seal

On the Back of which Deed was thus Endowed to wit Received on the Day and Year  
first within Written of and from the within named John Gresham the sum of seventy two pounds  
Sterling being the Consideration Money within mentioned to be by him paid to  
Witness J<sup>r</sup> Hepburn Charles Mannes Ann Meade

On the sixth Day of Sept<sup>r</sup> in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and sixty eight  
came before me the Subscriber one of his Lordships Justices of the Provincial Court the  
within named Charles Mannes and Elizabeth his Wife and Ann Meade and did severally  
acknowledge the within Instrument of Writing to be their respective Act and Deed to and for  
the Uses Intents and Purposes therein specified and the Lands and premises therein mentioned  
and every part and parcel thereof to be the Right and Estate of the said John Gresham his  
Heirs and Assigns forever according to the true Intent and meaning of the said Act and do  
hereby certify that immediately before taking the above Acknowledgment I Examined the  
said Elizabeth Mannes privately and out of the hearing of her said Husband and she  
then declared that she made her acknowledgment of the within Deed willingly and freely  
and without being induced thereto by fear or threats of civil Usage by her said Husband or  
fear of his Displeasure taken before & certified by  
Recorded the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1760  
J<sup>r</sup> Hepburn

This Indenture made the fifth Day of November in the Year of our Lord seventeen  
hundred and sixty eight Between Alexander Lawson of Baltimore County Gentleman  
of the one part and James Russell, Walter Ewer, John Ewer, and John Buchanan all  
of London in Great Britain Merchants of the other part Whereas by certain Articles of  
Agreement bearing Date on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> September 1745 and made or mentioned to  
be made between the said James Russell of the first part a certain James Wardrop of  
the second part a certain James Johnson of the third part and a certain Alexander Lawson  
the Father of the above mentioned Alexander Lawson of the fourth part among other things  
it was agreed that the said Parties should enter into a Copartnership or Company and at their  
Joint Charge should purchase Lands contiguous to a Branch of Empowder River called  
Birds River and there build and erect one good and sufficient Furnace with all other  
Buildings necessary as by the said Articles may more fully appear And Whereas in  
Pursuance of and under the said Articles the said Parties did build and erect one  
Furnace called and known by the Name of the Nottingham Furnace with all necessary  
Buildings to the same and did also purchase many and considerable Tracts and parcels  
of Land to and for the Use of the said Furnace And Whereas the said Parties to  
the said Articles or the Parties to these presents or some of them have purchased sundry  
Lands