## **Know all Men by these Presents,**

That I, John Dodge of Wenham in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred Dollars paid to me in hand, well and truly paid, at or before the signing, sealing and delivery of these presents, by Nicholas Dodge junior of Wenham in said County Gentleman & John Porter of Beverly in the County & Comonwealth afforsaid Carpenter in Joint proportion the receipt whereof I the said John Dodge do hereby acknowledge, have granted, bargained and sold, and, by these presents, do grant, bargain and sell unto the said Nicholas Dodge & John Porter their heirs & assigns forever a certain track of Land in Wenham known by the name of Athens wood land Containing ten acres more or less is Bounded as followeth viz Beginning at the southwesterly corner at a stake & stones thence running Northerly by James meddow thirty two poles & seven links to land of Obdiaha Dodge thence running North Easterly Obediah Dodges land twenty six poles fifteen links to land of John B. Dodge thence running North Easterly by said John B. Dodge land & land of Isaac Knowlton forty eight poles & eighteen links to Land of John T. Dodge Esq. thence running South westerly by said John T. Dodge land nineteen poles & Eleven links to James Island so called thence running by James Island on a number of courses as far as the upland on the Island extending in to the meddow, to the bound first mentioned with a privilege to crop over Thillmom Dodge's Pond at the Easterly end thereof, also a right to crop over Mr. Benjamin Edwardse's land to the premises above descibed

TO HAVE and to HOLD the said granted and bargained premises & I the said John Dodge will warrant and defend it unto the said Nicholas Dodge & John Porter their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, to their only proper use, benefit and behoof forever. And I the said John Dodge. do avouch myself to be the true and lawful owner of the said Athens woodland and have in my full power, good right, and lawful authority to dispose of the said Athens wood land in manner as aforesaid: And I do, for myself my heirs, executors, and administrators, hereby covenant and agree to warrant and defend the said granted premises to the said Nicholas Dodge & John

Porter their heirs & assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whatsoever, unto them the said Nicholas Dodge & John Porter their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns.

In Witness whereof, I the said John Dodge have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighteen

John Dodge (2<sup>nd</sup>?)

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us John T. Dodge Iseirs Knowelton

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Essex Ss April 13 1818 then the above Named John Dodge 2 appeared acknowledged the within instrument to be his free act and deed before me John T. Dodge Justis Pease