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Caleb Clarke & Elizabeth McKelvey Marriage Contract E. C. Clarke

The State of South Carolina } This agreement made and entered into by and between Caleb Clarke Esq;
 of the one part and Mrs Elizabeth McKelvey of the other part Witnesses
 That whereas a Marriage is intended shortly to be had and solemnized between the said parties, the said
 Caleb Clarke Esq; on his part doth consent and agree that after the solemnization of the said intended
 marriage & notwithstanding the same, the following Negro Slaves now the property of said Elizabeth
 Lewis, Lay-sells Richard, Jannema, Harriet, & Washington, together with their future issue shall be kept
 & used for the joint use and benefit of said parties during their joint lives, and that in case the said Caleb
 Clarke Esq; shall survive the said Elizabeth, the aforesaid negro slaves and their increase shall after the
 death of the said Elizabeth belong to said Caleb Esq; or persons as the said Elizabeth shall by any instrumen-
 t of writing during her lifetime the presence of two credible witnesses nominate and appoint, and further,
 that in case the said Elizabeth shall survive him the said Caleb Clarke Esq; then the said negro slaves and
 their increase shall again become the absolute & exclusive property of the said Elizabeth, but in consideration
 of the above covenants and agreement on the part of the said Caleb Clarke Esq; she the said Elizabeth
 on her part doth consent and agree not to claim or demand or sue in any of the Courts of this
 State or to take up the said Caleb Clarke Esq; or his estate in any of the said Courts, but that she
 will not take any such steps, this eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one
 thousand eight hundred and forty two, the said parties have here
 unto set their hands and seals this eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one
 thousand eight hundred and forty two, in the presence of

David S. Small Esq; J. S. Lusk Esq; Caleb Clarke Esq; & Mrs Elizabeth McKelvey
 of the County of York in the State of South Carolina } David S. Small makes oath that he said Caleb Clarke & Mrs Elizabeth
 McKelvey executed the above & within Marriage Contract for the uses &
 purposes therein mentioned, & that he with Abraham D. Dubose in presence of each other witnessed
 the execution thereof - Witness before me Dec 15th 1842.

E. C. Clarke Esq; Witness Dec 16th 1842 & David S. Small

James L. Foss to John Ross Esq; of the County of York in the State of South Carolina

South Carolina } Whereas I James L. Foss of the County of York in the State of South Carolina
 do hereby certify that I have seen the within and true copy of the same as the same
 was presented to me by the said John Ross Esq; of the County of York in the State of South Carolina
 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original as the same was presented to me
 by the said John Ross Esq; of the County of York in the State of South Carolina

James L. Foss Esq; of the County of York in the State of South Carolina
 John Ross Esq; of the County of York in the State of South Carolina
 Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of December 1842