Silas Pitts and Trust Jos. Roper

This Indenture made the 23d October A. D. 1840, between Silas Pitts the debtor and John W. Roper the Trustee and Joseph Roper the creditor of the third part all of Shelby County, Alabama, Witnesseth, that whereas the said Silas Pitts is justly indebted to the said Joseph Roper the sum one hundred and fifty Dollars secured by promissory note to be due the first March next which debt the said Pitts is anxious and desirous of securing now the said Silas Pitts for and in consideration of the sum of one Dollar to him in hand paid by the said John W. Roper the Trustee & the receipt whereas is hereby acknowledged has given, granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth give unto John W. Roper his heirs & assigns Three hundred bushels of good merchantable corn & one Bay Colt six months old to the only proper use and behoof of the said John W. Roper upon trust nevertheless the said J. Roper is to permit said Pitts to remain in peaceable possession of said corn or property until default be made in payment of said sum of money in whole or any part thereof then the said John W. Roper his heirs & assigns & shall & may so soon after happening of such default as they may think proper or so soon as may be required by the said Joseph Roper advertise and sell

for ready money, notice having been given in three public places, proceed to sell to highest bidder for ready money and the proceeds of said sale pay to said Joseph Roper and the overplus if any pay to said Silas Pitts after first paying all chaiges but if the said sum of one hundred & fifty Dollars be paid to said Roper at or before the 1st day of March 1841, then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force and effect - Witness our hands and seals this 23d October 1840 - The word & one Bay Coat six months old interlined before signed.

Silas his x mark Pitts (Seal)
John W. Roper (Seal)
Joseph Roper (Seal)

The State of Alabama,
Shelby County. } Before me Noel Mason, Clerk of the County Court of said County came Silas Pitts, John W. Roper & Joseph Roper and acknowledged that they severally signed, sealed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein named - Given under my hand seal this 23d day of October A.D. 1840.

Noel Mason Clk (Seal)

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