

L. J. Drake }
 J. S. Reed Trust }
 Thomas H. Brashear } This deed of trust made & entered into
 this 17th November 1847 between Lagan
 J. Drake the debtor of the first part Thomas H. Brashear
 the trustee of the 2^d part & John G. Cromwell the creditor
 of the 3^d part all of the County & State aforesaid -
 Witnesseth that the party of the first part is justly
 indebted to the party of the 3^d part the sum of
 six hundred and ninety seven 31/100 dollars secured by promissory
 note to be due 25th December 1848 which debt the said
 Drake is anxious & desirous to secure therefor and in con-
 sideration of the premises as well for and in consideration of
 One dollar to him the said Drake in hand paid by the
 party of the 2^d part the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged
 the said party of the first part has given granted bargained
 and sold and by these presents does give grant bargain
 and sell to said party of the 3^d part a Negro ~~Man~~ ^{Slave}
 named Saml. Drake complexion about twenty
 two years of age to stand and hold said Negro man
 Slave upon trust nevertheless said Cromwell is to have
 said Negro Slave bond in possession from the 15th of
 of next Month until the said 25th December 1848
 and until said debt is paid by allowing eight
 dollars per month here for said negro man Saml.
 and should said Drake fail in the payment of
 the debt aforesaid in whole or in part upon the
 happening of such default & at the request of
 of said Cromwell or his representatives the said
 Thomas H. Brashear may & shall sell said negro
 Slave to the highest bidder for cash in the
 Town of Columbiana first giving twenty days notice
 by advertisement in three publick places in said
 County and out of the proceeds of said sale pay &
 satisfy said debt to said Cromwell & the balance pay
 to said Drake first paying the expenses hereof but
 should the whole of said debt be paid as its

becoming and this conveyance to be void and of no
 effect in testimony of which We have our hands and
 seals this day & date aforesaid L. J. Doak Seal
 Thos H Brasher Seal

The State of Alabama

John O. Cromwell Seal

Shelby County I personally appeared before me
 George Harris a Justice of the Peace in and for said
 County L. J. Doak, Thomas H Brasher and John O Cromwell
 and acknowledged that they signed sealed & delivered
 the foregoing deed of Trust on the day its date
 the purpose therein expressed given under my hand
 and seal this 17th day of November 1847

George Harris Seal
 Justice of the Peace

Filed for Record 23^d day November A.D. 1847
 Recorded the 6th day of December A.D. 1847 by
 E. L. Lawley Clerk of Shelby County Court