W. L. Powell to Jo. Jo. Roper.

The State of Alabama, Shelby County. } Whereas I am indebted to Joseph Roper the following amounts, to wit: a note made by me & W. Blair dated 19th January 1854 & due 1st Jany 1855 for thirty one dollars also a clerk certificate issued to Wm Grady dated Jany 1851 for eleven 20/100 dollars issued in the case the State v me which debts I am anxious & desirous to secure therefore for & in consideration of the premises as well as one dollar to me in hand paid by Joseph Roper I have given, granted bargained & sold & by these presents do give, grant, bargain, & sell to said Roper a yoke of Oxen, to wit: the same I purchased of Wm Moore have now in possession to have & to hold the same to said Roper his heirs & assigns forever & it is hereby agreed that I said Powell am to hold said oxen till default be made in the payment of said debts or either of them, then said Roper may seize said oxen & sell the same at public out cry in the Town of Columbiana for cash to the highest bidder first giving twenty days notice in three public places in said county & out of said sale pay said debts, but the same on fully paid without a sale then this deed is void. Witness our hands & seals 22nd September 1854

Test J. H. Brasher
J. H. Brasher

W. L. Powell (seal)
Joseph Roper (seal)

The State of Alabama, Shelby County. } I J. M. McClana hon Judge of Probate for said County, do hereby certify that Jeptha H. Brasher one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing conveyance known to me, appeared before me this day & being sworn stated that Wm L. Powell & Joseph Ropers the grantors in the conveyance voluntarily executed the same in his presence & in the presence of the other subscribing witness on the day the same bears date, that he attested the same in the presence of the grantor & of the other witness & that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence. Given under my hand this 29th day of September A.D. 1854

J. M. McClanahan Judge of Probate.

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