Blake
To
Meredith

The State of Alabama Shelby County This Indenture made and entered into this 16 day of May A D 1857. between John R Blake of the first part and J N Meredith of the second part all of the County and State aforesaid Witnesseth that whereas the said party of the first part is justly indebted to the said party of the second part in the sum of thirty seven dollars and 50/100 cents the 1st day of January A D 1857 now the said party of the first part in consideration of securing said party of the second part and the party of the first part has this day bargained and sold unto the party of the ~~first~~ 2d part ~~part~~ all of his entire Crop of Cotton the said party of the first part is to cultivate and gather said Crop of Cotton and deliver the same at the gin of the party of the 2 part in good order and the said party of the 2 part is to take Charge of said Crop and dispose of it in the best manner he may think and should there remain in the hands of the said party of the second part any more than a sufficiency to pay all of his indebtedness to said party of the second part and the surplus of them the said party of the second part shall pay it over to said party of the first part or said John R Blake may order In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above Written

John R Blake [Seal]

The State of Alabama Shelby County

I N Lee an Attorney Justice of the Peace in and for said County hereby Certify that John R Blake whose name is signed to the foregoing Conveyance and who is known to me acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the Contents of the Conveyance he Executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date given under my hand and seal this 16 day of May A D 1857 N Lee J P.

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Tell McCleuchan Judge