

This Indenture made and entered into this the 30th
 day of October 1867 between Aaron B. Cooper
 Watrous Daniel E. Watrous and John S. Storrs of the first
 part, and A. A. Sterrett as the administrator de
 bonis non of the estate of Francis Shrader Dec^d
 of the second part witnesseth that whereas the said
 parties of the first part are justly indebted to the par-
 ty of the second part as said administrator in
 adm^t of the sum of fifty five hundred and sixty three
 dollars and 50/100 dollars evidenced by a judgement ren-
 dered in his favor against the parties of the
 first part in the Circuit Court for the Coun-
 ty of Shelby in the State of Alabama on the
 18th day of September 1867 for the said sum
 of fifty five hundred and sixty three ^{50/100} dol-
 lars besides costs of suit and the said parties of
 the first part for the purpose of better securing
 the payment and in consideration of the
 fact that said party of the second part has and here-
 by agrees to stay said judgement and an execu-
 tion thereon until the first day of January next
 and the further consideration of one dollar
 to them in hand paid by the said A. A. Sterrett
 as said administrator the receipt whereof is
 hereby acknowledged, are the said Aaron
 B. Cooper, Daniel E. Watrous and John S.
 Storrs parties of the first part do hereby
 bargain sell and convey unto the said A.
 A. Sterrett as said administrator the follow-
 ing described negro slaves to wit: Sep (other-
 wise called Seepie) of black color aged about
 thirty five years - Don (otherwise called Dow-
 el) of black color aged about thirty years -
 Henry of black color aged about twenty
 years and Ed (otherwise called Edwin) of
 black color aged about twenty seven years
 now at work in the Coal Mines near
 Montevallo in said County of Shel-
 by the title to which said negro
 slaves we will by these presents for-
 ever warrant and defend. This convey-
 ance is made however in trust and
 upon the following condition to wit:
 that if on the first day of January said
 judgement or any part thereof should
 remain unpaid the said party of the
 second part may and is hereby fully
 authorized and empowered to take

possession of said slaves and after giving notice thereof for twenty days either through a newspaper or by posting up a written notice sell the same at public outcry before the Court house door in the town of Columbiana to the highest bidder for cash and apply the proceeds first to the cost and expenses of this conveyance and said sale and the remainder to the satisfaction of said judgement and the said parties of the first part bind themselves to deliver said slaves to the said party of the second part on demand and he is hereby fully empowered to convey the title of said negroes to the purchaser or purchasers; but if the said parties of the first part shall well and truly pay and satisfy the said judgement with the interests and costs thereof and cost of this conveyance on or before the said first day of January next then this conveyance to be void else to remain in full force. In witness of which we herewith set our hands and seals on the day and year above written

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
 H. A. Chadbourne

A. B. Cooper seal
 D. E. Watrous seal
 J. S. Storrs seal
 A. A. Sturitt seal

The State of Alabama, J. D. W. Prentice a County Justice of the Peace in and for said County hereby certify that D. E. Watrous and J. S. Storrs known to me be the same persons who executed the foregoing conveyance came before me on this day and acknowledged that knowing the contents of the said conveyance they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date Given under my hand this 20th day of October 1857 J. D. W. Prentice J.P.

Filed 7 Nov 1857
 J. M. McFlanahan
 Judge