Whereas A J Fretwell of the County of Shelby and State of Alabama is justly indebted to J N Meredith of the same place, in the sum of One hundred and Seventeen & 38/100 dollars payable the first day of December 1860. Evidenced by a note bearing even date with these presents, payable to said J N Meredith or order without interest till due, and whereas the said A J Fretwell is desirous of securing the payment of said debt with the understanding that he is at liberty to pay the whole or any part of said note before the same shall become due. Now therefore I the said A J Fretwell, in Consideration of the sum of One dollar to me in hand paid by W J Wyatt of the State and County aforesaid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain ~~and~~ sell and convey unto the said W J Wyatt and his assigns forever his Entire Cotton Crop Consisting of about Eight acres of Cotton a part of it being owned jointly by myself & others, to have and to hold the same to the said W J Wyatt and his assigns forever. In trust however that the said W J Wyatt, if the said Amt of Money or any part thereof shall remain due and unpaid at the time the note becomes due he shall proceed to take possession of said property. (Cotton) and shall make sale of the property herein Conveyed at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the residence of J N Meredith at the usual hours of sale, first giving twenty days of the ~~time~~ same, and upon such sale shall make and execute such titles of Conveyance to the purchaser as is hereby Conveyed to said W J Wyatt and out of the proceeds of said sale shall pay all costs & charges of this deed, and the debts & interest remaining due and payable to said J N Meredith. But if the said A J Fretwell shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid the debt, interest and costs of this deed, then the said W J Wyatt shall reconvey said property to said A J Fretwell. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of August AD 1860

A J Fretwell SS

The State of Alabama }
Shelby County } I H W Bowers an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County do hereby Certify that A J Fretwell 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 this the 25th day of August AD 1860.

H W Bowers
Justice of the Peace

Filed and Recorded 24th Sept 1860
J M M Jufort