The State of Alabama } This Indenture made and
Shelby County } entered into this 22d day of February
A.D. 1861 between John M Meekle of the first part and
Richard R Stanley of the second part both of said County
and State Witnesseth that whereas on the first day
of January 1858 the said party of the second part became
the security of the party of the first part on a note to
William A Welch of said date for the sum of two hundred
and eighty two 43/100 dollars payable the first day of
January next after the date of said note upon which
said note there has been paid by said party of
the first part on the 12th day of March 1859 the
sum of one thousand dollars & whereas on the
18th day of February 1861 suit was instituted on
said note to the Spring Term 1861 of the Circuit Court
of said County of Shelby and whereas the said
party of the first part is anxious & desirous to secure
the party of the second part as such security and
to hold him harmless & protect him from loss by reason
of his said security ship Now therefore in Consideration
of the premises the said party of the first part has
this day sold and by these presents does grant bar-
gain sell and convey to said party of the second
part the following discribed property viz one
Negro Girl named Melissa about 12 years of age
one Gray horse a stallion one bay mare called
Flora and one Canoe mare called Fanny now in
the possession of said party of the first part to
have and to hold to the said party of the second
part & to his heirs & assigns forever. In trust however
upon the following Conditions viz that if said party
of the first part shall pay off and satisfy said
indebtedness hereinbefore discribed then this Con-
veyance to be void & of no effect & the title to said
property to revert in the said party of the first
part as fully as though this Conveyance had
not been made but should he fail to pay said
indebtedness & the said party of the second part be
required to pay said indebtedness or any part thereof
by reason of his Security ship aforesaid then in
that event he is hereby authorized to take into

possession said property & after giving 20 days notice of the time and place of sale sell said property at public auction for Cash & with the proceeds of said sale reimburse himself of whatever part of said indebtedness interest & cost he may have been required to pay In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year above written

John M McKle (Seal)

The State of Alabama } I John M McClanahan Judge of
Shelby County } Probate in and for said County
hereby Certify that John M McKle 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 23 day of February A D 1861

J M McClanahan
Judge of Probate

Filed for record the 23 February 1861 and recorded the 23 day of the same month J M McClanahan J of P.