This deed made the 21st day of October in the year 1863 between Pleasant W. Meredith of the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia of the one part and Robert H. Meredith of the County of Shelby and State of Alabama of the other part Witnesseth that the said Pleasant W. Meredith in Consideration of the sum of one dollar doth grant and assign unto the said Robert H. Meredith the following negro Slaves namely a man named John a man named Cary and a woman Rebecca as Stella and her Child and any other Children which the may now have and their further increase all of which Slaves are now in the said state of Alabama and now managed by the said Robert H. Meredith for the said Pleasant W. Meredith in trust for the main-tenance and support of Mrs. Meredith during his life and after his death the said slaves and their further increase of the female are to be discharged of all trust and to be vested in the said Robert H. Meredith as his absolute property And they deed is upon the further trust that the said Robert H. Meredith shall in the management of said Slaves and their future increase have and use the same discretion that he would exercise in the management of his own Slaves and shall not be required to hire hire them out but shall have the privilege of retaining them in his possession according

for a reasonable hire to be applied to the main-
tenance and support of the said Wm B Meredith
but in no event to pay a greater hire than will be
sufficient for his maintenance and support nor
shall he be required to account for any surplus
hire of said Slave but shall take the same to his
own use and they do covenant that they further
that if the hire of said Slave should not be suff-
-icient for the maintenance and support of said
Wm B Meredith the said Robert H Meredith shall
not be chargeable with such maintenance and
support nor shall the said Slave be subject to
the same to a greater extent than the reasonable
hire of him In testimony whereof the parties to
this deed have hereunto set their hands and seals
the day and year first above written

Pleasant Meredith (Seal)
Robert H Meredith (Seal)

~~The~~ State of Virginia
Buckingham County to wit

I Matthew A Cox a justice of the Peace for the
County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do certify
that Pleasant Meredith a party to a certain deed
hereto annexed bearing date on the 21st day of
October 1863 have this day acknowledged the same
before me in my County aforesaid to be his act &
deed in order that the same may be duly
recorded given under my hand and
seal this 24th day of October 1863

Matthew A Cox J P (Seal)

State of Virginia
Buckingham County to wit; I Robert K Irving Clerk
of the County Court for the County of Buckingham in
the state of Virginia do certify that Matthew A Cox
whose name appears to the foregoing Certificate was
at the date of the same an acting Justice of the Peace
in and for the County aforesaid in the state of Virgin
ia duly commissioned and qualified and that the
foregoing signature purporting to be his is genuine
Given under my hand and seal of office
this 24th day of Oct 1863 R K Irving CBC

State of Virginia to wit

I R B Shaver Presiding justice of the County
Court for the County of Buckingham in the State of
Virginia do certify that R K Irving whose name
is affixed to the foregoing certificate as Clerk of the
said Court is Clerk thereof and that by said attestation
is in due form Given under my hand this 24th

day of October A.D. 1863 R. B. Shannon for P.J.

Rockingham County Court Clerks Office Oct 24th 1863.
This deed was this day produced in my office
and the Certificate of acknowledgement endorsed together
with said Certificate admitted to record
Test R K Crow C K C
Recorded per record this 24th day of November 1863
and recorded this 24th day of the same month
N S Ellard Judge of Probate