The State of Alabama }
Shelby County } This Indenture made and entered into this 25th day of September 1869 between Arthur Nicholson debtor of the 1st part and W W Carden of the 2nd part Creditor of the Second part Witnesseth, That whereas the Said party of the 1st part is justly indebted to the party of the 2nd in the Sum of $ One hundred and five dollars due by Notes one half payable on or before the 1st of December 1869, then one for fifty two dollars and payable on or before the 25th day of December 1870 and the Said party being desirous to secure the payment of Said Indebtedness; for and in Consideration thereof and for the further consideration of the Sum of one dollar to the Said party in hand paid by the Said party of the 2nd part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the Said party of the 1st part has bargained and hereby bells and conveys to the Said party of the 2nd part the following described property to-wit: One bay mule purchased of W W Carden and his present Crop this year 1869 to close the first note and then his crop the next year in 1870 to close the other Note due in 1870 the Crop made on W M. Carden Land, to have and to hold in trust as follows: It is hereby agreed that the Said party of the 1st part is to have and retain possession of the Said property until the 25th day of December 1870 and if the Said party of the 1st part shall fully pay to the Said party of the 2nd part Said debt with interest thereon, and the reasonable expense incurred by Said 25th day of December 1870 then this Indenture is to be null and void,

But upon default of such payment the said party of the 2nd part is hereby authorized to take possession and sell said property to the highest bidder for cash, after giving twenty days notice of the time and place of said sale by advertisement posted up at three public places and out of the proceeds of said sale retain the said sum of Ord hundred and five dollars Costs incurred, and the balance if any pay to the said party of the 1st part and interest thereon, and the reasonable

Given under our hands & seals this day and year above written

(Revenue stamp twenty five cents)

Arthur Nicholson (LS)
W M. Carson (LS)

H H. Merrell
Geo E Merrell

The State of Alabama }
Shelby County } I John Massey justice of the peace in and for said County Shelby County that Arthur Nicholson and W M Carson whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the conveyance they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date

Given under my hand this 28th day of September AD 1869

John Massey justice of the

Filed for and Recorded October 8th 1869

J. T. Leftwich Judge of Probate