The State of Alabama }
Shelby County } This Indenture

P Made and Entered into this 9th day of February 1870 between William Merrill debtor of the first part and Duncan McElson Creditor of the 2nd part Witnesseth: That whereas the said party of the first part is justly indebted to the party of the 2nd part in the sum of One hundred & twenty five dollars due by note in 1870 and payable on or before the 1st day of Nov 1870. And the said party of 1st part 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 of the 1st part in hand paid by the said party of the 2nd part receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said party of the 1st part has sold and hereby sells and conveys to the said party of the 2nd part. the following described property to wit: All the Crop to be Raised by me or my tenant including Corn & Cotton 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 1st day of Nov 1870. And if the same party of the 1st part shall fail to pay to the said party of the 2nd part

Said debt with interest thereon and reasonable Expenses hereof by said 1st day of April 1870 then this indenture is to be Cancelled but upon default of such payment the said party of the second part is hereby authorized to take into possession and sell said property to the highest bidder for cash after giving ten days notice of the time and place of said sale by publication in a newspaper if one published in the County or by posting at three public places and out of the proceeds of said sale retain the sum of One hundred & Twenty five dollars and interest thereon and the reasonable costs hereof, and the balance if any pay to the said party of the first part,

Signed, Sealed & delivered this 9th day of Feb 1870

(Revenue Stamp fifty Cents) William C Hessell (Seal)

Duncan D Elson (Seal)

The State of Alabama }
Shelby County } I Enoch Lewis Justice of the Peace for said County hereby Certify that William C Hessell & Duncan D Elson 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.

Witness my hand this 9th day of February 1870.

E. Lewis J.P.

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Jas. T. Lipsey Judge of Probate