Jno. A. Griffin
To
H. R. Lyons

The State of Alabama } This Indenture made
Shelby County } and entered into this 1st day of January 1872 between John A. Griffin of the first part, and H R Lyons 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 Eighty five Dollars due by Acct. for Supplies for the current year and payable on or before the first day of November 1872 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; My entire crop of cotton to be planted and grown by me the present year on the plantation belonging to Alfred Griffin in Shelby County, Ala. Also one Dark bay Mare. 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 first day of November 1872 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 reasonable expenses hereof, by said first day of November 1872 then this indenture is to be null and void, 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 posting at three public places, and out of the proceeds of said sale retain the sum of Eighty 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 1st day of January 1872

John A. Griffin (Seal)

The State of Alabama }
Shelby County } I R. D. Harris as acting justice

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of the peace for said county, hereby certify that Geo. A. Griffin Jr whose name is 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 he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Witness my hand this 19th day of January 1872

R D Harris J P

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Geo. T. Bishop Judge of Probate