Steadman V. The State of Alabama } This indenture made
To Shelby County } and entered into this
Wm Richards 7th day of January A. D.
1873 between Vant Steadman (Colrd) party of
the first part, and William Richards party
of the second part all of the County and
State aforesaid; Witnesseth that the said
Vant Steadman (Colrd) is justly indebted
or will be unto the said William Richards
for supplies furnished him to make a Crop
the present year in the sum of one hundr
ed dollars, and the Vant Steadman being
desirous to secure the payment of said
advances has this day bargained, sold
and Conveyed unto the said William
Richards his heirs and assigns his entire
Crop of Corn and Cotton to be planted and
grown on the said William Richards farm
the present year. and also ~~two~~ Milk Cows
now in his possession, and the said Vant
Steadman does for himself, his heirs or
assigns promise to warrant and defend
the right and title of the said Crop and
property unto the said William Richards
in trust; However the Conditions of the
above ~~obligation~~ Conveyance are such that
if the said Vant Steadman shall well and
truly pay or Cause to be paid the above
mentioned sum by the fifteenth of Novem
ber next then this Conveyance to be null
and void, otherwise to remain in full force
and effect, and the said William Richards
shall have the right to take into possession
(and after giving ten days notice as
required by law) shall sell so much of

the within mentioned, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Caused to be affixed my seal, the day and year the same bears date, Jany 7th 1873

Vant his + mark Sleadman (Seal)

The State of Alabama } Before me L. P. Leon
Shelby County } and an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Stedman (Colored) who is known to me and acknowledged before me that he signed the above Conveyance of his own free will and accord. the day and year the same bears date. January 7th A.D. 1873

L. P. Leonard J. P.

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J. T. Leper
Judge of Probate,