Moss Dennis
To
A. C. Samuel

The State of Alabama } This deed of trust made and entered
Shelby County } into this the 18th day of January
1873 between Adolphus C. Samuel
of the first part, and Dennis Moss a colored man of
the second part: Witnesseth that the said Dennis Moss
is justly indebted to the said A. C. Samuel in the
sum of one hundred and forty Dollars ($140)
and which said debt is in consideration of a
certain black mule sold to him the said Dennis
Moss by the aforesaid A. C. Samuel and for which
he has executed unto him his promissory note, and
which said note is given for one hundred & forty
dollars payable to A. C. Samuel or bearer, bearing
even date with this instrument and due on the
first day of December 1873, and which he is anx
ious & desirous to secure, Now Know all men
by these presents that in consideration of the prem
ises as well for & in consideration of the sum
of one dollar to me in hand paid, the receipt
thereof is hereby acknowledged, I the said Dennis
Moss have bargained & sold, and by these pres
ents do bargain, sell & deliver unto the said
A. C. Samuel the above described mule, and I
do furthermore also by these presents, bargain
sell and convey unto him, the aforesaid A. C.
Samuel all the Corn & Cotton & fodder which I
may ~~make~~, raise and gather or cause to be raised
& gathered during this present year of 1873. To hold
and to hold all of which, from me & from the
claim of all other persons whomsoever. But upon
trust nevertheless = That the said Dennis Moss
is to have the possession and use of said mule,
but to be kept upon the plantation & worked upon
the farm of said A. C. Samuel until said note
becomes due, and default shall have been
made in the payment thereof, either in part or
in the whole, then & in which event, the
aforesaid A. C. Samuel is hereby authorized and
empowered, to take said mule, and said Crop of
Cotton and Corn & fodder into his own possession
and sell said Cotton & Corn and fodder at
private sale for Cash or so much thereof as will
pay all of said note, and if it be not sufficient
to pay off the note, then to sell said mule at Hav
persville for cash at public sale to the highest
bidder, after giving ten days notice by written
advertisements posted up at that place, and with
the proceeds of said sale pay the balance of said
note, and the cost of this instrument, and the
rest that remains if any, pay over to the said
Dennis Moss,
But should said note be paid when due
or so soon thereafter as payment may be demand

ded then this obligation shall be null and void but otherwise to continue in full force and virtue in law,

In Testimony whereof witness my hand & seal the day & year already written

Dennis his X mark Moss (Seal)

The State of Alabama }
Shelby County } I J. T. Martin an acting Justice of the Peace in & for said County hereby certify that Dennis Moss ded whose name is signed to the foregoing Conveyance, and who is 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,

Given under my hand this 18th day of February 1873

T. J. Martin
J. P. for S. C.

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James T. Lapsley
Judge of Probate,