Meardis Alex
To
A. A. Sterrett

The State of Alabama } This indenture made
Shelby County } and entered into this
2nd day of July
1894 between Alex Meardis debtor of the
first part, and A. A. Sterrett creditor of
the 2d part in the sum of Ten Dollars
due by account and payable on or
before the first day of December 1894;
And the said party of the ~~second~~ first
part being desirous to secure the payment
of said indebtedness; for and in consid
eration 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
2d part, receipt whereof is hereby acknow.
the said party of the first part has sold
and hereby sells and conveys to the
said party of the second part the fol
lowing described property to wit; all
my crop of corn and cotton, that I
now have planted and growing in
said County and which I am to cul
tivate, gather and house. Subject how
ever to the deed of trust or mortgage
heretofore by me given to one John
T. Cromwell which is to be first satisfie
to have and to hold in trust as fol
lows: It is hereby agreed that the said

party of the first part is to have and retain possession of the said property until the first day of December 1874 and if the said party of the 1st part shall fully pay to the said party of the second part said debt with interest thereon and reasonable Expenses hereof by said first day of December 1874 then this indenture is to be null and void, But upon default of such payment the said party of the first 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 in the County, and out of the Proceeds of said sale retain the sum of ten Dollars and interest thereon, and the reasonable costs hereof and the balance if any, pay to the said party of the first part.

Alexander his X mark Mardis (Seal)

The State of Alabama }
Shelby County } I Amos M. Elliott Notary Public for said County, hereby certify that Alex Mardis 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.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of July 1874

A. M. Elliott
N. P.

I James Blackerby being interested with Alex Mardis in the crop of corn and cotton, growing and being cultivated assent and agree to the within conveyance thereon by him and now herein with him further agree that the said A. A. Sterrett shall have and hold, the said Crop of Corn and Cotton, upon the terms and conditions herein mentioned, in addition to the said indebtedness of said Alex Mardis for any and all sums of money that we the said James Blackerby and

Alex Mardis may now or hereafter obtain from said Sterrett, to enable us to properly cultivate, gather and house the said Crop of Corn and Cotton, whether the same be by him advanced, in money or provisions - now or hereafter - for without such advance either in money or provisions, we must in a manner fail in cultivating the Crop we now have planted, and we individually and to gether, hereby Convey to said Sterrett our said Crop as security for any and all such advances as he may make to us or either of us, for the purpose aforesaid, as well as to secure the payment of the indebtedness within mentioned of said Mardis to said Sterrett as witness our hands & seals this 13th day of July 1874,

Alexander his + mark Mardis (Seal)
James his + mark Blackerby (Seal)

Test
A.M. Elliott }
D.T. Castlberry }

Filed for Record July 2d 1874 & Recorded July 16 1874,
J.T. Tucker
Judge of Probate,