Smith G. W.
To
Hawkins & Earle
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The State of Alabama }
Jefferson County }

Whereas I am justly indebted to Hawkins and Earle account due January 1st 1874 for the sum of Fifteen & 28/100 Dollars; and Whereas I have received from Paul H. Earle advances in supplies and merchandise amounting to one & 28/100 dollars, to enable me to make a crop for the year 1874. which I have obtained from him bona fide for the purpose of making a crop and without such advances I would not be able to obtain the necessary teams, provisions and farming implements; and ~~imple~~ ~~ments~~ to make a crop; and whereas he has agreed to make further advances to me, for the purpose aforesaid

not to exceed Ten Dollars. Now therefore in consideration of the premises, and to secure to the said Paul H. Earle payment for said advances, and the amount above mentioned, and the further sum of dollars paid me by said Paul H. Earle hereby give unto the said Paul H. Earle the statutory lien on my entire crop of Corn & and Cotton to be raised on the plantation of J. L. Beam in said County of Shelby Ala. Now if the said account and sums advanced, and to be advanced are paid up on or before the 25 day of December 1874, then this conveyance to be void, and of no effect; otherwise the said Paul H. Earle shall be authorized by these presents to take said crops and property into possession, and sell the same to the highest bidder for cash, after first giving five days notice, by posters at two public places in said County of time and place of sale, and with the proceeds of said said sale, pay off said note and sums advanced with interest accrued thereon and the expenses attending said sale; and the said Paul H. Earle may lawfully authorize any other person wishing to take possession of said crops and property, and to sell the same as aforesaid. After paying off said notes and advances, expenses &c, if there should be any balance it is to be paid to the undersigned.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal on this the 3rd day of July 1874.

Attest
W. S. Brown
J. M. Porter

G. W. Smith (Seal)

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J. T. Lapsley
Judge of Probate
S.C.