Grimes A. J.
To
B. A. Lester

The State of Alabama — Shelby County,

This Indenture made and entered into this 5th day of February 1876 between A. J. Grimes debtor of the first part and B. A. Lester creditor, of the second part witnesseth: That whereas the said party of the first part is justly indebted to the party of the 2d part in the sum of twenty five dollars, due by the 25th day of December 1876 and payable on or before the 25th day of December, 1876 and the said party of the 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 1st part, in hand paid by the said party of the 2d 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 2d part, the following described property to wit: one cow and two calves and his entire corn and cotton crop for 1876, to have and to hold in trust, as follows: It is hereby agreed that the said party of 1st part is to have and retain possession of the said property untill the 25th day of December 1876; and if the said party of the 1st part shall fully pay to the party of the 2d part said debt, and reasonable expenses hereof by said 25th day of December 1876 then this indenture is to be null and void.

This mortgage is satisfied this February 8th 1877
B. A. Lester

But upon default of such payment the said party of the 2d part is ~~xxxxxxxx~~ hereby authorized to take into possession and sell said property to the highest bidder for cash, after giving lawful days notice of the time and place of said sale by publication in a newspaper, if one is published in the county, or by posting at three public places; and out of the proceeds of said sale, retain the sum of twenty 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 and delivered this 5 day of February 1876 in presence of } A. J. Grimes (Seal)

The State of Alabama, } J. B. Poindexter, Justice of the
Shelby County } Peace for said County, hereby certify that A. J. Grimes, whose name ~~xxxxxxxx~~ 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, they executed the same voluntarily, on the day the same bears date.

Witness - My hand this 5 day February 1876,

B. Poindexter, J. Peace

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James T. Leper, Judge of Probate