James T. Leeper Judge of Probate To Wm. Finch

~~The~~ State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents.
Shelby County. } That whereas the following described real property to wit: A part of the E½ of SW¼ & NW¼ of SW¼ Section 23, Township 21 Rang 3 West, situated in the County of Shelby and State of Alabama was subject to taxation for the year 1872 And whereas the taxes assessed upon said real property for the year aforesaid ~~remaind~~ remaind due and unpaid at the date of sale hereinafter named and whereas the tax collector of said County did on the 2d day of June 1873 by virtue of the authority in him vested by law at the sale begun and publicly held on the the first Monday of June 1873 exposed to public sale at the Court house in the County aforesaid as required by the statute in such cases made and provided the real property above described for the payment of taxes fees penalties and costs then due and remaining unpaid on said property: and whereas at the time and place aforesaid William Finch of the County of Shelby and State of Alabama having offered to pay the sum of Eight 60/100 dollars being the whole amount of taxes interest penalties & costs then due and remaining unpaid on said property therefor which was the least quantity bid for and payment of said sum having been ~~by him~~ made to the Tax Collector the said property was struck off to him at that price, and whereas two years have elapsed since the date of said sale, and the said property has not been redeemed therefrom as provided for by law, Now therefore I, James T. Leeper Judge of Probate for the County aforesaid for and in consideration of the said sum

to the Tax Collector paid as aforesaid and by virtue of the statute in such case made and provided have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain and sell unto the said William Finch his heirs or assigns the real property last herein before named To have and to hold unto him the said William Finch his heirs and assigns forever subject however to all the rights of redemption provided by law. In witness whereof I, James T. Leeper, Judge of Probate aforesaid have hereunto subscribed my name on the 22d day of March A.D. 1876.

James T. Leeper,
Judge of Probate.

State of Alabama } I hereby certify that before me
County of Shelby. } Amos M. Elliott clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County personally appeared the above named James T. Leeper Judge of Probate of said County personally known to me to be the Judge of Probate of said County at the date of the execution of the above conveyance and to be the identical person whose name is affixed to and who executed the above conveyance as Probate Judge of said County and who acknowledges the execution of the same to be his voluntary act and deed as Probate Judge of said County for the purpose herein expressed. Given under my hand this 22d day of March A.D. 1876.

A. M. Elliott clerk.

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J. T. Leeper Judge of Probate