Willis Jas. W.
To
Benjamin Cardwell
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The State of Alabama in Shelby County,
This indenture, made and entered into the 14th day of March 1876, between James W. Willis, debtor of the first part, and Bejamin Cardwell, creditor of the 2d part, witnesseth: That whereas the said party of the 1st part is justly indebted to the party of the 2d part in the sum of Fifty dollars, due by Note, bearing even date with this Deed and payable on or before the 1st day of December 1876; and the said party of the 1st part being desirous to secure the payment of said indebtedness; for & in consideration 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 acknowledged, the said party of the 1st part has bargained, and hereby sells and conveys to the said party of the 2d part the following described property, to wit: One iron gray horse one cow and calf and all the crop of cotton that the party of the first may raise the present year to have and to hold in trust as follows: It is hereby agreed that the said party of the 1st part is to have & retain possession of the said property until the 1st day of December 1876, and if the said party of the 1st part shall fully pay to the said party of the 2d part said debt & interest thereon and reasonable

expenses hereof by said 1st Day of December 1876, Then this indenture is to be null and void, But upon default of such payment the said party of the 2d part is hereby authorized to take into possession and sell said property to the highest bidder for cash, after giving 30 days notice of the time & 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 Fifty 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 day of 187, in presence of } James W. X his mark Willis (Seal)

The State of Alabama } I, John T. Wilson a
Shelby County } Justice of the Peace for said County, hereby certify James W. Willis 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 23d day of March 1876.

J. T. Wilson J. P.

Filed for Record April 3d 1876 & Recorded the same day

Jas. T. Lupher
Judge of Probate