Ray, G. M. Dallas
To
Amos E. Lawrence

The State of Alabama } Shelby County,
This indenture, made and entered into this 5th day of April 1876, between G. M. Dallas Ray, debtor, of the first part and Amos E. Lawrence creditor of the 2d 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 Thirty seven 50/100 dollars, due by and payable on or before the 1st day of November 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 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 sold and hereby sells and conveys to the said party of the 2d part the following described property to wit: My entire crop of cotton and cotton (except the seeds) grown by me in the present year 1876, to have and to hold, in trust as follows: It is hereby agreed that the said party of the 1st part is to have and retain possession of the said property untill the 1st day of November 1876; and if the said party of the 1st part shall fully pay to the said party of the 2d part said debt and interest thereon, and reasonable expenses hereof by said 1st day of November 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 ten 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 ~~possession~~ the sum of Thirty seven 50/100 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 & delivered } G. M. D. Ray (Seal)
This day of 187 in presence }

The State of Alabama } I, James T. Lapsley Judge of
Shelby County } Probate for said county
certify that G. M. D. Ray 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 5th day April 1876.

J. T. Leeper
Judge of Probate

Filed for Record April 5th 1876 & Recorded the same day.

J. T. Leeper Judge of Probate