Robert Allen
To
Sherman & Stuell

The State of Alabama } This indenture made & entered
~~Shelby~~ County } into this 22 day of January 1878,
between R Allen debtor of the first part and
Sherman & Stuell creditors of the 2nd part, witness-
eth; That whereas the said party of the 1st part is
justly indebted to the party of the 2nd part in the
sum of Forty dollars, due by first day of Nov
and payable on or before the first day of Nov 1878;
and the said party of the first part being desirous
to secure the payment of said indebtedness; for and
in consideration thereof, the said party of the 1st
part has sold and hereby sells and conveys to the
said party of the 2nd part, the following described
property to wit; My cotton and corn crop in
Shelby County two Cows and Oxen, 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 until the 1st day
of Nov 1878; and if the said party of the 1st part
shall fully pay to the said party of the 2nd part,

said debt and interest thereon, and reasonable expenses hereof by said 1st day of Nov 1878, then this indenture is to be null and void. But upon default of such payment, the said party of the 2nd part is hereby authorized to take into possession and sell said property to the highest bidder for cash, at such time and place as he may select, after giving three 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 Forty dollars, and interest thereon, and the reasonable costs thereof, and the balance if any, pay to the said party of the 1st part. And it is agreed the party of the 2nd part may purchase at said sale.

Signed sealed & delivered this 22 day of January 1878 in presence of: W Muer } Robert his + mark Allen (Ls)
R D Harris }

The State of Alabama } I French Nabors N.P. + Ex Off
Shelby County } Justice of the Peace, hereby certify that R. D Harris a subscribing witness to the foregoing conveyance known to me appeared before me ~~on~~ this day and being sworn, stated that Robert Allen the grantor in the conveyance voluntarily executed the same in his presence and in the presence of the other subscribing witness on the day the same bears date, that he attested the same in the presence of the grantor and of the other subscribing Witness and that such other Witness subscribed his name as Witness in his presence, good under his hand this the 28 January 1878

French Nabors N.P. + Ex Off. J. P.

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J T Leeper Judge of Probate