W. M. Armstrong
To
Ehrman & Sewell

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The State of Alabama } This indenture made and entered
— County } into this 19th day of January 1878
between Ehrman & Sewell & Wm M. Armstrong. Wm M.
Armstrong debtor of the first part. and Ehrman & Sewell
creditor of the 2nd part witnesseth: That whereas
the said party of the 1st part is justly indebted to
the party of the 2nd part in the sum of Fifty
(850.00) Dollars. due by first day of Nov 1878. and
payable on or before the 1st day of Nov 1878. and
the said party of the 1st 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: One gray Mule six years old, all my cotton
and corn crop for year 1878. on the place known under
the name Mrs Harkins place. 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 pay
pay to the said party of the 2nd part, said debt
and interest thereon, and reasonable expenses hereof
by said first day of Nov 1878, then this indenture
is to be null and void. But upon default of such pay-
ment the said party of the 2nd part is hereby author-
ized to take into possession and sell said prop-
erty to the highest bidder, for cash, at such time
and place as he may select, after giving 3 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 Fifty
dollars. and interest thereon, and the reasonable costs
hereof, 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 and delivered this 19th day of January 1878
in presence of: W. Mower } W. M. Armstrong (L.S.)
John Garner }

The State of Alabama } I French Robbins N.P. Ex off
Shelby County } Justice of the peace hereby certify

that John Garner a subscribing witness to the foregoing conveyance known to me appeared before me on this day, and being sworn states that W M Armstrong 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 28th January 1878. French Nabors N P Exoff J.P.
Filed for Record February 6th 1878 and Recorded February 7th 1878. J T Leffler Judge of Probate