Bowdon Sam'l F.
To
Ehrman & Stralle

The State of Alabama } Whereas I am justly indebted
—— County } to Ehrman & Stralle by promissory note, given this the 15th day of February 1878, and due —— for the sum of Fifty dollars, to enable me to make a crop for the year 1878 which I obtained from them "bona fide" for the purpose of making a crop, and without such advances it would not be in my power to procure the necessary team, provisions, and farming implements with which to make said crop: and whereas we have agreed to make further advances to him for the purpose aforesaid, not to exceed —— dollars. Now, therefore in consideration of the premises, and to secure the said —— payment for the advances, and note above mentioned, and the further sum of one dollar, paid by said Ehrman & Stralle, hereby give to the said Ehrman & Stralle statutory lien on my part of the crop of corn & cotton to be raised on my place in said county, as provided for by section 1858 of the Revised Code of Alabama; and to further secure the payment of the above note and said advances, I hereby bargain sell and convey unto the said Ehrman & Stralle heirs and assigns forever the following described property, to wit: One Bay Mare 5 years old two Oxen and Ox wagon. Now, if the said note and sums advanced, and to be advanced are paid up on or before the 1st of Nov 1878 then this conveyance to be void and of no effect; but if S. F. Bowdon shall fail to pay off the said sums of money at the time and in the manner aforesaid, or shall sell, or attempt

to sell the said property, or any part thereof, or move the same from the limits of the county then the said Ehrman & Stovall shall be authorized by these presents to take said crops and property into possession, and sell the same to the highest bidder for cash, after first giving five days notice, by posters, at two public places in said county of the time and place of sale, and with the proceeds of said sale, pay off said note and sums advanced, with interest accrue thereon, and the expenses attending said sale, and the said Ehrman & Stovall may lawfully authorize any other person in writing to take possession of said crops and property and to sell the same as aforesaid. After paying off said notes and advances, expenses &c if there is any balance it is to be paid to the undersigned.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, on this, the 18th day of February 1878

Attest: Frank McConaughy } Samel F. Bowden (L.S.)

State of Alabama, } I G W Rogan a Justice of Peace
Shelby County } for said county hereby certify that Frank McConaughy a subscribing witness to the foregoing conveyance known to me appeared before me on this day and being sworn stated that Samuel F. Bowden 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 in the presence of the other witness, and that such other witness subscribed his name as a witness in his presence.

Given under my hand This 23d day of Feb 1878.

G. W. Rogan. J. P.

Filed and Recorded March 1st 1878

J T Leper Judge of Probate