Howell John C
To
Durant Nelson

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The State of Alabama, This Indenture made and entered into
Shelby County } this 7th day of March 1878. between
John C Howell debtor of the first part and Durant Nelson
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 dollars, due by waive note for
supplies 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, and hereby sells and conveys to
the said party of the 2nd part, the following described property,

tawit; All the crop of corn & cotton to be raised by my family in the year 1878, also one yoke of oxen & wagon, one oxen Red Brindle the other Dun with white spots on sides & shoulders, 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 & 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 ten days notice of the time and place of said sale by publication 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 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.
Intestimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, this the 7th day of March 1878

Attest: J.D. Mason — John C. his x mark Howell Sr (Seal)
W. W. Nelson

The State of Alabama } James T Leper Judge of Probate
Shelby County } for said County, hereby certify that J.D. Mason a subscribing witness to the foregoing conveyance, known to me appeared before me this day and being sworn, states that John C. Howell 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 witness, and that such other witness subscribed his name as witness in his presence.
Given under my hand this 8th day of March 1878
James T Leper Judge of Probate

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J T Leper
Judge of Probate