Bates T J
To
Durant & Nelson

The State of Alabama, } Know all men by these presents,
Shelby County } That for and in consideration of my indebtedness to Durant & Nelson in the sum of Forty Dollars, due by naive note bearing date, March 23d 1878 and payable Nov 1st 1878, Now to secure the punctual payment of said indebtedness, I do hereby sell and convey to said Durant & Nelson the following goods and chattles, to wit: All the crop of corn & cotton to be raised by me or my family or that may be coming to me for rents or any other ways, also Two cows & calves, one Dark Brown the other Red, warranted free from incumbrance and against any adverse claims, upon condition, however, that if I pay said note to said Durant & Nelson or assigns, with interest, this deed to be void; but if I fail to pay said note in whole or in part at maturity, then said Durant & Nelson agents or assigns are authorized to take possession of said property, and after giving ten days notice by posting at three public places in said County to sell the same at Court House to the highest bidder, for cash, and the proceeds to devote to the paying, 1st the expenses of advertising and selling, and 2nd, the amount, with interest, that may be due on said note, and the surplus, if any, to be turned over to the undersigned.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, on this, the 23d day of March 1878.

Attest: I. D. Mason }
Rufus McLeod }

T J his × mark Bates (Seal)

The State of Alabama } I James T Leeper Judge of Probate for
Shelby County } said County hereby certify that Isaac D Mason a subscribing witness to the foregoing conveyance, known to me, appeared before me this day & being sworn stated that T J Bates 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 a witness in his presence, — Given under my hand this 23 day of March 1878,

James T Leeper Judge of Probate

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J T Leeper Judge of Probate