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To
Jas R Smith

The State of Alabama, Whereas I have received from Jas R Smith
Jefferson County } advances in supplies of meat, corn, farming
implements and merchandise, amounting to One & 85/100
dollars to enable me to make a crop for the year 1878, which
I obtained from him "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, he has agreed to make further advances to
me for the purpose aforesaid, not to exceed Eighteen & 15/100
dollars, Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises,
and to secure the said Jas R Smith payment for the
advances above mentioned, and the further sum of one
dollar, paid by said Jas R Smith I hereby give to
the said Jas R Smith statutory lien on entire crop of corn &
cotton planted, or that may be planted, grown or raised by
myself, employees and tenants, as provided for by Section
1858 of the Revised Code of Alabama, and to further secure
the payment of above said advances, I hereby bargain sell
and convey unto the said Jas R Smith, his heirs and assigns,
forever, the following described property to wit: One yoke
Steers three or four years old. One 3/4 Wagon, One Gray Mare
Eight years old, Now if the said sums advanced and to be ad-
vanced, are paid up on or before 25th December 1878, then this
conveyance to be void and of no effect; but if I should fail
to pay off the said sums of money at the time and in the manner
aforesaid, or should 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 Jas R Smith shall be authorized by these pres-
ents 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 time and place of sale, and with the
proceeds of said sale, pay off said sums advanced, with inter-
est accruing thereon, and the expenses attending said sale, and
the said Jas R Smith 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 of said advances expenses, &c, if
there is any balance it is to be paid to the undersigned.
Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, on
this, the 9th day of April 1878 H B his x mark Dodd (L S)
Attest: T S Smith } Filed for Record April 11th 1878 & Recorded
T. O Smith } April 13th 1878 J T Leifer Judge of Probate