Dodd A. J. & Winnie M. & Mary J. To Jas R Smith

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The State of Alabama, Whereas we have received from Jas R Smith Jefferson County } advances in supplies of meat, corn farming implements and merchandise, amounting to Twenty five two dollars, to enable us to make a crop for the year 1878, which we obtained from him "bona fide" for the purpose of making a crop, and without such advances it would not be in our power to procure the necessary teams, provisions, and farming implements with which to make said crop; and whereas he has agreed to make further advances to us for the purpose aforesaid, not to exceed Fifteen 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, we hereby give to the said Jas R Smith statutory lien on entire crop of corn and cotton planted, or that may be planted, grown or raised by ourselves, 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, we 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 8 years old called "Bald" & Charlie. One yoke steers called Tobe & Jerry. 4 milk cows. Now, if the said sums advanced, and to be advanced are paid upon or before 25th December 1878 then this conveyance to be void and of no effect; but if we 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 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 time and place of sale, and with the proceeds of said sale, pay off said sums advanced, with interest 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 & property and to sell the same as aforesaid. After paying off said advances, expenses, &c, if there is any balance it is to be paid to the undersigned. — In testimony whereof We hereunto set our hands, and affix our seal, on this, the 22nd day of March 1878.

attest: T S Smith
J R Smith Jr

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