Johnston John
To
J M Bidd

The State of Alabama, Shelby County } This indenture made and entered into this 17th day of April 1877 between John Johnston (of Camp Branch) debtor of the first part and J M Bidd 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 promissory note 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 hereby sells and conveys to the said party of the 2nd part

the following described property to wit: One mule named Beck, also all the cotton and corn grown in the year 1878, 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 and 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, at such time and place as he may select, after giving ten days notice of the time and place of said sale by publication in a newspaper, if one is published in the County, or by posting at three public places, and out of the proceeds of said sale retain the sum of fifty 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. Signed sealed and delivered this 17th day of April 1878, in presence of:

John Johnston (S.S.)

Witness Bruce Harris
C C Ellis

The State of Alabama } I James T Leeper Judge of Probate for
Shelby County } said County, hereby certify that John Johnston whose name is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that being informed of the contents of the conveyance, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. — Witness my hand this 17th day of April 1878

J T Leeper Judge of Probate

Filed and Recorded April 17th 1878

J. T. Leeper Judge of Probate

Satisfied in full and discharged
March 2d/79 John M Hall for J Johnston