Ross Alfred To W. T. Smith

The State of Alabama Shelby County

On or before 1st day of Nov 1879 I promise to pay to the order of W. T. Smith Forty dollars for value received. The right of exemption under the laws of Alabama is hereby waived, as provided for in Section 7 Article 10 in the Constitution of the State of Alabama,

The consideration of this obligation is an advancement made by said W. T. Smith of money and provisions to the above amount "bona fide" for the purpose of making a crop this year 1879 and without which it would not be in my power to procure the requirements to make such crop and I hereby declare the aforesaid advances on the amount thereof shall constitute a lien on all crop grown on W. W. Wallace's plantation, in Shelby County Alabama this year in accordance, with the Act approved January 15th 1866; and to further secure the payment of the aforesaid obligation according to the tenor and effect thereof, I hereby also bargain, sell, and convey to the said W. T. Smith or agent, or assign, the following described personal property to wit: all of my cows and hogs.

For the sum of Forty dollars, which amount has been paid to me, and for which receipt is herewith given. In default of payment at maturity of the aforesaid obligation the said W. T. Smith or agent or assign I hereby authorized to take said property into his possession, sell the same as I may deem best, and apply the proceeds thereof to the payment of this obligation and expenses incident to the execution of this trust; upon this condition nevertheless if said obligation is paid at maturity this conveyance is null and void. And it is further agreed if the said W. T. Smith shall advance to the said Alfred Ross during the present year any money or provisions over and above the amount of said note, this instrument shall also stand as security for the same as fully as if included in said note. And the said Alfred Ross hereby declare that the above conveyed property is his own and that there is no lien or incumbrance on the same. In further consideration of the premises I hereby also declare that there will be no outside crops on said place owned by my wife, daughter or any one else, but that this instrument is to constitute a lien on one half of the entire crop raised on said place this year by myself & family. Witness my hignature this first day of March A.D. 1879

Attest: J. F. Pope

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State of Ala } Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace
Shelby County } for said county and State of F Pope who is personally
March 1/79 } known to me and made oath in due form of law
that Alfred Ross who is personally known to him and
whose signature is affixed to the foregoing lien, voluntar-
ily signed the same in his presence the day the same bears date,
Given under my hand this the 1st day of March A D 1879

David Edwards
Justice of the Peace

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James T Leeper Judge of Probate