Phillips Jno A.
Swann Jno.
Trustees of
Ala. Railroad Co.
To.
M. H. Williams
M. P. Savage

No 490. Know all men by these presents: that whereas by virtue of the Acts of Congress of the United States and of the General Assembly of Alabama referred to in the Act of the General Assembly of Alabama approved February 10th 1876 entitled "An Act to execute the power of disposal of the lands granted by an Act of Congress entitled 'An Act granting public lands in alternate sections to the State of Alabama, to aid in the construction of certain railroads in said State, approved June 3d 1856 which power of disposal is conferred upon the Legislature of Alabama by said Act of Congress" And by virtue of what was done prior to February 10th 1876 by, or under, or in pursuance of the legislation of Congress and the legislation of the State of Alabama, the said State had became completely vested with the title to the lands embraced by said Acts of Congress for the uses and purposes shown in said Acts of Congress; And whereas the said State prior to February 10th 1876 and more than six months prior to the duly decreed bankruptcy of the Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad Company had acquired a valid lien in good faith upon all of said lands to which the Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad Company ever had any right or title either legal or equitable by a conveyance executed by that Company to the State of Alabama to secure an indebtedness of that Company to said State greater than the value of the interest of that Company in or to said lands no part of which indebtedness has ever been paid to said State. and whereas by a deed executed and bearing date the 8th day of February 1877 the said lands were conveyed by the Governor of said State of Alabama in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of Alabama approved February 23d 1876 entitled "An Act to ratify and confirm the settlement of the existing indebtedness of this State as proposed in the report of the Commissioners appointed under the Act approved 17th December 1874 and which was communicated to the General Assembly by the Message of the Governor of 24th of January 1876 and to carry said settlement into effect by the issuance

of new bonds of this State at a reduced rate of interest in adjustment of a portion of said indebtedness and the surrender of certain securities held by the State in discharge of another portion of said indebtedness" to John A Billups and John Swann as Trustees for the purposes in the said deed specified and whereas the said John A Billups and John Swann have become invested with power and authority to dispose of sell and convey the said lands in accordance with the provisions of said deed and of said last mentioned Act of February 23 1876 and whereas M. H. Williams and W. P. Savage in their own names in the County of Shelby and State of Alabama on Mch. 15 1879 became the purchaser from the said Billups and Swann Trustees as aforesaid of a part of said lands as hereinafter described lying in the County of Shelby and State of Alabama and containing according to the Original Survey of said lands (120) One Hundred and Twenty Acres more or less at and for the price of $600.00 Six hundred Dollars but no conveyance of said land was made to the said M. H. Williams and W. P. Savage or either of them and Whereas the said M. H. Williams and W. P. Savage have paid to the said John A Billups and John Swann as such Trustees aforesaid the sum of $300. Three Hundred Dollars in Cash, and executed One note for the sum of $300. Three hundred Dollars the ballance due and unpaid on said purchase of said land hereinafter described: Now therefore in Consideration of the premises, we the said John A Billups and John Swann as such Trustees and by virtue of the power vested in us as such Trustees as aforesaid by the said deed of Conveyance of the 8th February 1877 and by said Act of February 23 1876 have granted bargained and sold and do by these presents grant bargain sell and convey unto the said M. H. Williams & W. P. Savage all the estate right title and interest of the Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad Company as well as of the State of Alabama vested in us as such Trustees or which we can convey in and unto the said lands above described to wit. The West half the South West quarter (W½ of SW¼) and the South West quarter of the North West quarter (SW¼ of NW¼) In fee Simple in Section Twenty One (21) Township Twenty (20) Range (3) Three West and lying in the County of Shelby State of Alabama and containing according to the Original Survey of said lands 120, One Hundred and twenty Acres more or less. To have and to hold the said lands hereinbefore particularly mentioned and

described unto the said M H. Williams and W P Savage their his and assigns forever – Witness our hands and seals this 26 April 1879.

John Swann (Seal)

John A Billups (Seal)

State of Tennessee } I J T Hill Com of Deeds for Alabama hereby certify that
County of Hamilton } John Swann whose name is signed to the foregoing Conveyance and who is personally known to me for himself acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the Contents of the foregoing Conveyance he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date – Given under my hand this 26 day of April 1879.

J. T. Hill (Seal of Office)

Com of Deeds for Alabama.

State of Alabama } I W C Jemison N P & ex off J P hereby certify that John
County of Tuscaloosa } A Billups whose name is signed to the foregoing Conveyance and who is personally known to me acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the Contents of the foregoing Conveyance they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date – Given under my hand this 3 day of May 1879.

W. C. Jemison

N P & ex off J P

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