Nabors, French
To
Horace Ware

The State of Alabama } The following is an agreement
Shelby County } made and entered into by and
between French Nabors of the first part and Horace
Ware of the second part both of the County and State
aforesaid on this the 19th day of May 1881, as follows
to-wit: The said Nabors leases to the said Ware and
his legal representatives for the space of ten years all
the iron ore on what is known as the High Tract of
land lying near the depot at Montevallo containing
five hundred acres more or less, with all the custom-
ary and necessary rights and privileges in such ca-
ses to enable the party of the second part to dig mine
haul and remove said iron ore, with right of way
to and from any part of the ore; to use timber for
mining and building operators houses on the
land. The said Ware agrees and binds himself

to test the ore within twelve months, and if he finds the quantity and quality satisfactory to him, he is to continue to mine the ore from time to time, as he may be able to use the ore or sell it, and is to pay in cash every three months for all the shipped, ten cents (10cts) per ton of 2268 pounds, the ore to be weighed by the said Ware or his agent at the furnace or other place of delivery for use or on sale. Now in the event the said Nabors does not buy the said above described lands or in any way control it, then in that case this contract is to be cancelled and of no effect. But in case other parties become the owners of, or control the land, in that case the said Nabors agrees to aid said Ware continuing & securing the lease for the said 10 years.

Witness our hands & seals

In presence of W. B. Browne — French Nabors (Seal)
J. C. Wideman — Horace Ware (Seal)

It is further agreed that the said H. Ware is to commence opening the ore beds in six months and to continue taking out ore if he finds it in quantity and quality such as to pay him to do so, and if said Ware should fail to do so for over six months at any time this obligation is to be void.

In presence of W. B. Browe, J. C. Wideman — French Nabors (Seal)
Horace Ware (Seal)

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J. T. Leeper Judge of Probate