Swann John
T. J. A. Billups
To
W. H. Studevant

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 3, 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 become 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 & 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 all indebtedness of that Company to said State greater than the value to the interest of that Company in or to said lands, no part of which indebtedness has ever been paid to the 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 23, 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 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 Wm. H. Stundevant in his own name in the County of Shelby and State of Alabama, on March 2, 1878, became the purchaser from the said Billups & 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 (40) Forty acres, more or less (Mineral reserved) at and for the price of ($60.00) Sixty dollars but no conveyance of said lands was made to the said Wm. H. Stundevant and whereas the said Wm. H. Stundevant has paid to the said John A. Billups and John Swann, as such Trustee aforesaid, the sum of ($15.00) Fifteen dollars in cash, and executed three notes for the sum of (45.00) Forty five dollars, and balance 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 23d 1876, have granted, bargained, and sold, and do by these presents grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Wm H. Standevant all the estate, right title and interest of the Alabama & Chattanooga Railroad Company, as well as of the State of Alabama, vested in us as such Trustees, or which we can convey in & unto the said lands above described, to-wit: The South East quarter of South West quarter (SE¼ of SW¼) in Section (23) Twenty Three Township (20) Twenty Range (4 W) Four West and lying in the County of Shelby State of Alabama, and containing, according to the original survey of said lands (40) Forty acres, more or less (minerals reserved) To have and to hold the said lands hereinbefore particularly mentioned and described unto the said Wm H. Standevant his heirs & assigns forever. Witness our hands & seals, this 23d day of March A.D. 1878.

John Swann (seal)
John A. Billups (seal)

State of New York } I, a Commissioner for Alabama
County of New York } in New York hereby certify that 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 27th day of March 1878.

Edwin F. Cooley Jr. Commission for Alabama in New York.

State of Alabama } I, E. D. Willett Register in Chan-
County of Pickens } cery hereby certify that John A. Billups 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 27th day of March 1878.

E. D. Willett, Register in Chancery, Pickens Co. Alabama.

Filed Dec. 3, 1886 & recorded.

James T. Leeper Judge of Probate.