Know all men by these presents: That whereas, by virtue of the acts of Congress of the United States and the General Assembly of Alabama, referred to in the act of the General assembly of Alabama, approved Feby 10. 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 3rd 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 Feby. 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 titles 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 10. 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 land was conveyed by the Governor of said State of Alabama, in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of Alabama, approved Feby. 23rd 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 of December, 1874 and which was communicated to the General

Assembly by 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 vested with the power and authority to dispose of, sell and convey said lands in accordance with the provisions of said deed, and of said last mentioned act of February 23, 1876, And whereas the said John A. Billups and John Swann trustees as disclosed in said deed and said act of Febry. 23rd 1876 have been directed since May, 1886, by the holders of such of the bonds described in the fifteenth section of said last mentioned act as had been surrendered to the Governor on or before the first day of May, 1886, in accordance with the provisions of said last mentioned act to convey and accordingly have conveyed to The Alabama State Land Company certain parcels of said lands remaining unsold by said trustees, including in said conveyance the parcel or parcels of land herein after specifically described that is to say:
The South West Quarter of South West quarter of Section Eleven, in Township Eighteen South of Range one East, S. ½ of S. W. ¼ Sec. 11. T. 18 R. 1 East, containing Forty (40) acres more or less, situated in the County of Shelby in the State of Alabama: And whereas The Alabama State Land Company above mentioned has this day sold to A. M. Abercrombie subject to the reservations hereinafter mentioned, the said parcel or parcels of land last herein above specifically described at and for the price of One hundred and Twenty $120.00 dollars, upon the terms herein set forth that is to say, the

said P. H. Abercrombie this day paid to the Alabama State Land Company the sum of Thirty $30.00 dollars in cash and executed three notes for the sum of Thirty $30.00 dollars each due respectively April 19th 1902, April 19th 1903 April 19th 1904, each bearing interest from April 19th 1901 the said notes being for the balance unpaid on said sale of said land last above described and said balance to be and remain a lien on said last mentioned land until said balance shall be paid with legal interest thereon. And it is distinctly agreed as part and parcel of the terms of said sale of the lands last above described that the Alabama State Land Company does not convey to the said P. H. Abercrombie but reserves to itself either for its own benefit or for sale to others, all the iron ore, coal, limestone and other minerals contained in or upon said lands, and also the right of way and the right to build such rail or tramways of any description over the same as may be necessary for the convenient transportation of the coal and other minerals from said lands and from any other lands that the said The Alabama State Land Company its successors or assigns or any person holding under it or its successors or assigns, may own as mining property in connection with the lands above described and also the right of way and the right to build such rail and tramways over said lands as may be convenient in transporting all material and implements that may be of use in mining upon said lands and the other lands herein referred to; and also all timber and water upon the lands herein conveyed necessary for the development, working and mining the coal, iron and other minerals therein, and also the right to build for the occupancy of employees all such houses on the lands herein conveyed as may be necessary or convenient in min-

ing said lands, together with all other necessary mining privileges. And it is further understood and agreed that the grantee or grantees in this conveyance will not hold adversely, or permit any other person to hold adversely to the grantor in this conveyance or its assigns or successors, any iron or coal or other minerals or right of way, or other thing reserved to the grantor in this conveyance, but will hold everything herein reserved to the grantor, for the grantor, its assigns or successors, and for no other person or purpose whatever.
Now, therefore, in consideration of these premises, the Alabama State Land Company doth by these presents, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said O. W. Abercrombie the said parcel or parcels of land herein above specifically described subject, however, to the reservations herein herein set forth.
To have and to hold the said parcel or parcels of land last above described unto the said O. W. Abercrombie his heirs and assigns forever, but subject to said reservations herein disclosed. In testimony whereof the said The Alabama State Land Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Alabama, the grantor in this conveyance, has caused these presents to be signed by its vice president and its common seal to be affixed by its Secretary duly authorized for this purpose. April 19th 1901

The Alabama State Land Co.
By C. C. Harvey
Vice President

Attest.
T. H. Eaton Secretary

State of Louisiana }
Parish of Orleans } I, O. W. Friemer a notary Public duly appointed and acting as such in and for the Parish of Orleans in the State of Louisiana hereby certify that C. C. Harvey vice president of the Alabama State Land Company whose name as such vice president in behalf of said Company, is signed to

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, on behalf of said Company, and as vice President thereof, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand and seal this 19 day of April A.D. 1901

Russell W. Dreiser
Notary Public.

Filed for record recorded July 1. 1901
A. P. Longshore Judge of Probate