

No. 5369. - 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 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 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 10, 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 lands were conveyed by the Governor of said State of Alabama in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of Alabama approved February 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 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 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 became vested with the power and authority to dispose of all and convey said lands in accordance with the provisions of said deed and of said last mentioned act of February 23rd 1876.

And whereas the said John A. Billups and John Swann trustees, as disclosed in said deed and said act of February 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 all of said lands remaining unsold by said trustees including in said conveyance the parcel or parcels of land hereinafter specifically described.

And whereas, The Alabama State Land Company above mentioned has this day sold to W. B. Lawley of Shelby County Alabama, the parcel or parcels of lands hereinafter particularly described at and for the price of one hundred and sixty (\$160⁰⁰) Dollars, upon the terms herein shown, that is to say the said W. B. Lawley, has this day paid to The Alabama State Land Company the sum of one hundred and sixty (\$160⁰⁰) Dollars in cash. Now therefore in consideration of the premises, The Alabama State Land Company doth by these presents grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said W. B. Lawley the parcel or parcels of land specifically

described as follows subject however to the reservations herein set forth to wit: The South East quarter of the North West quarter of Section Twenty nine Township Eighteen South, Range two East. (S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29 T⁸ S. 18² R. 2² E.) Containing forty (40) acres more or less, situated in the County of Shelby in the State of Alabama.

And it is distinctly agreed as part and parcel of the terms of this sale of the lands above described, that the Alabama State Land Company does not convey unto the said N. B. Farley but reserves to itself: either for its own benefit or for sale to others all the iron ore, coal, oil, petroleum gas, 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 and to construct such pipe lines over the same as may be necessary for the convenient transportation of the coal, oil 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 the 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, 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 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.

To have and to hold the said parcel or parcels of land above described unto the said W. B. Lawley his heirs and assigns forever but subject to the 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 President and its common seal to be hereunto affixed by its Secretary duly authorized for this purpose; and has caused this conveyance to be delivered to the grantee.

This 13th day of February 1911.

Attest:

The Alabama State Land Company,
J. H. Eaton Secretary By D. D. Burrum, President,

The State of Louisiana, } Gustaf R. Westfeldt a Notary Public
Parish of Orleans, } in and for said Parish in said

State, hereby certify that D. D. Burrum whose name as President of the Alabama State Land Company a corporation is signed 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 as such officer, and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation. Given under my hand and seal of office this 13th day of February 1911.

Gustaf R. Westfeldt
Notary Public.

Seal

The State of Alabama, } Office of Judge of Probate

Shelby County, } I hereby certify that the within
deed was filed in this office for record on the 3
day of September A.D. 1911 at 3 o'clock P.M. and duly
recorded in Book 55 of Deeds. Page 618, and examined
A. Longshore Judge of Probate