

more and indebted to William Lewis ordinary of Sumter District by Bond in the sum of Three thousand Two hundred and Sixty Dollars secured by a specialty of Six thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars, to which Bond William Griffith, Isaac Cox and J. H. Ashmore are my Sureties as in and by the said Bond (Relation Thereto being had) both more fully and at large appear.

Now know ye that the said Martha Ashmore for the better securing the payment of the said sum above mentioned unto the said William Lewis, & saving harmless my Sureties above named their Executors, Administrators or assigns together with lawful interest for the same, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain and sell, and in plain and open market deliver unto the said William Griffith, Isaac Cox & J. H. Ashmore the following slaves, to wit: Cilla, Betty, Hester, Pinck, Ezig Mary, Dave, Sango, Clara, Gury, Gill, Pops, Susan, Hosea, Rosan & Bob. —

So have used to hold the said slaves above named unto the said William Griffith, Isaac Cox & J. H. Ashmore, their Executors, Administrators and assigns, forever: Provided always, nevertheless, that if the said Martha Ashmore her Executors or Administrators, shall and do will and truly pay, or cause to be paid unto the said William Lewis, & save my Sureties above named from the payment of the said Bond, their certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators or assigns, the full and just sum above mentioned, according to the true intent and meaning of the Bond aforesaid, and of these presents, then this deed of bargain and sale, and all and every clause, article and thing therein contained, shall cease, determine, and be utterly void and of none effect; any thing herein before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding:

And it is hereby declared, by and between the parties, and the said Martha Ashmore for her Executors, Administrators and assigns, in covenant, promise and agree to and with the said William Griffith, Isaac Cox & J. H. Ashmore my Sureties their Executors, Administrators and assigns, by these presents, that if default shall happen to be made of, or in payment of the said sum above mentioned, according to the true intent and meaning of the said Bond, that then and in such cases, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Sureties above named their Executors, Administrators, assigns Attorneys or Agents, from time to time, and at any times hereafter, peaceably and quietly, to enter into any or all the messuages, lands or tenements of the said Martha Ashmore, and to take the said slaves above named into their custody and possession, and the same to hold and detain to their own use and behoof, (as their own proper goods and chattels) from thenceforth and forever, or the same to sell and dispose of at their will and pleasure; returning the surplus, if any should happen to be, after paying of the sum above mentioned unto the said Martha

*Handwritten notes and signatures in the left margin, including names like Griffith, Cox, Ashmore, and various initials and dates.*