

Wm H Roberts  
To  
Roger Souland

Mortgage  
Of  
Slaves

The State of South Carolina

To all to whom these presents shall come  
William H Roberts and Roger Souland

of Greenville District in the State aforesaid send greeting Whereas the said William H Roberts are indebted to Roger Souland by a sealed note dated the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February A.D. 1856 due one day after date in the sum of Eight hundred and twenty two dollars and ninety cents (\$872 90 cts) as in and by the said note (Relation thereto being had) doth more fully and at large appear

Now Know Ye that the said William H Roberts for the better securing the payment of the said sum above mentioned unto the said Roger Souland and to his heirs, 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 Roger Souland the following slaves to wit Kate a woman aged about Twenty Two years, Jack a Boy aged about Three years old and Lucy a girl aged about Two years old

To have and to hold the said Slaves unto the said Roger Souland his heirs Executors, Administrators and assigns forever Provided always That if the said William H Roberts his heirs Executors and Administrators shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Roger Souland his heirs, certain Attorney, Executors Administrators or assigns the full and just sum above mentioned according to the true intent and meaning of the said sealed Note 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 hereof in any wise notwithstanding

And it is hereby declared by and between the parties and the said William H Roberts for himself his heirs Executors, Administrators and assigns doth covenant, promise and agree to and with the said Roger Souland and his heirs Executors, Administrators 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 sealed Note then and in such case it shall and may be lawful for the said Roger Souland his heirs Executors, Administrators, Assigns, Attorneys or Agents from time to time and at any time thereafter peaceably and quietly to enter into any or all the Messuages lands or tenements of the said William H Roberts and to take the said Slaves into his custody and possession and the same to hold and detain to his own use and behoof (as his own proper goods and chattels) from thenceforth and forever or the same to sell dispose of at his will and pleasure returning the overplus if any should happen to be after paying of the sum above mentioned unto the said William H Roberts his heirs Executors Administrators or assigns

In Witness whereof we the said William H Roberts and Roger Souland have hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty Six<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six and in the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America Signed and delivered in the presence of  
Matthew M Gray, W Mahaff  
William H Roberts  
Roger Souland