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William Bates et al	Lana

The State of Louisiana  
Greenville District

This Indenture made the ninth day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five between Robert M May ordinary of the District aforesaid and William Bates Thomas M Cox and Henry P McCommitt known under the name and style of William Bates & Company of the same State and District Whereas a Writ of Summons to divide or sell a certain Tract hereinafter described of the Estate of Stephen W Smith of said District deceased issued from the Court of ordinary of said District and upon the return thereof, the Judge of said Court did determine that the said land could not be divided without injury to the parties interested and did order the same to be sold by the Sheriff of the District aforesaid on a credit until the twenty fifth day of December next with interest from the day of sale Whereupon the Sheriff aforesaid did advertise the said land for sale on the first Monday in February in the year above mentioned And whereas the Sheriff aforesaid did on the said day offer to sell at public outcry on the credit aforesaid the said land when the said Henry P McCommitt of the Firm of William Bates & Company was the last and highest bidder to whom the said land was struck off for the sum of Eight hundred and five dollars

Now this Indenture witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred and five dollars to me paid and secured to be paid I have granted, bargained, sold and

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