I, John T. Norris of St. Mary's County, Maryland, being now indebted to John L. Lancaster of same County and State, in the sum of one hundred and forty two dollars seventy four cts with interest from the first day of May eighteen hundred and seventy one, and having a current account for merchandise sold and furnished me, and to be sold and furnished me, by said John L. Lancaster at his discretion, in consideration thereof, that is, of said indebtedness, and of a contemplated further indebtedness, for goods and merchandise to be sold to me as aforesaid, do hereby bargain and sell to the said John L. Lancaster, the following property; viz: one yoke of oxen, one ox cart, two horses, or mares, one colt, and all my parts of the crops of oats, corn and tobacco, that I may grow, or make during this year. Provided that if I the said John T. Norris shall pay to the said John L. Lancaster, the said sum heretofore named, with interest thereon, and whatever further sum I may owe to said John L. Lancaster, on account of goods and merchandise, as heretofore specified, on, or before the first day of May eighteen hundred and seventy two, then these presents shall be void.

But if default shall be made in the payment of the said sum of indebtedness, and interest thereon, and in the payment of such further indebtedness as may accrue as aforesaid, from said John T. Norris to said John L. Lancaster, it is hereby covenanted and agreed by the said John T. Norris, that the said John L. Lancaster may, and he is hereby authorised, to take possession of, and sell the above described property, at twenty days public notice, for cash to the highest bidder, and retain so much of the proceeds from such sale, as may be necessary to satisfy and pay the indebtedness to said John L. Lancaster, and all additional costs he may be at, in selling and disposing of said property, or so much of said property as may be necessary to satisfy the claims of said John L. Lancaster, intended by these premises to be secured to him.

Witness my hand and seal this 4th day of May 1871

Witness Walter L Dent. John his T Norris mark