

This Agreement between W. M. Beaton & Co. and Joseph H. Edwards, was this day received and with the certificate annexed, admitted to record.

Dated 20th Edwards Clerk

W. M. Beaton  
delivered to  
W. M. Beaton

This Agreement entered into this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1879 between W. M. Beaton and Walter Boone, merchants and partners trading under the firm name of W. M. Beaton & Co. of one part, and William Edwards of the other part, Witnesseth: That whereas the said William Edwards is about to engage in the cultivation of the soil, and is desirous to obtain during the year 1879 advances in supplies from the said W. M. Beaton & Co. to the amount of one hundred dollars beyond which limit the said William Edwards shall not go; and the said W. M. Beaton & Co. having agreed on this part to furnish the said advances, now the said William Edwards on his part, in consideration of the above premises does hereby grant a lien to the said W. M. Beaton & Co. on the crops which may be made during the year 1879 upon the lands in cultivation of which the above amount of advances has been or was intended to have been expended. This lien is granted under an act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1873, entitled "An Act to secure advances for agricultural purposes" Witness the following signatures

W. M. <sup>W. M.</sup> Edwards  
W. M. Beaton  
Walter Boone

Virginia, Southampton County

To Wit:

I, Wm. R. Bryant a Justice of the Peace in the County of aforesaid, do hereby certify that Wm. M. Beaton, Walter Boone, and Wm. Edwards whose names are signed to the within writing bearing date 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1879, have acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid, given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1879.

Wm. R. Bryant J. P.

Southampton County: In the Clerk's Office, March 10<sup>th</sup> 1879  
This Agreement between W. M. Beaton & Co. and Wm. Edwards was this day received and with the certificate annexed, admitted to record.

Dated 10th Edwards Clerk