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thence in a southerly direction to the line of C. D. Gorson's  
 thence along said Beale's line to the lands of J. M. Bell,  
 known as the "Cobb place" thence along the line of  
 said Cobb place back to land of Vaughan and  
 thence east along the line of said Vaughan and  
 and John Ellis to the beginning to him the said  
 C. D. Gorson his heirs and assigns forever to have  
 and to hold for the following uses and purpose  
 and none other, that is to say, if the said bond and  
 interest is paid off and discharged on or before  
 January 1<sup>st</sup> 1880 then this deed shall be null  
 and void, but if any part of said bond shall  
 remain unpaid on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1880  
 then it shall be lawful for said C. D. Gorson  
 upon the written request of the party of the third  
 party to sell, at public auction for cash to the  
 highest bidder on the premises, said land after  
 advertising the time and place of such sale,  
 the space of thirty days at the Courthouse  
 door in Bertie County and County the sum  
 to the Purchaser upon payment of the purchase  
 money and out of the proceeds of sale pay the  
 expenses of sale including a reasonable com-  
 pensation to the said Gorson for his trouble  
 the principal and interest due on said bond  
 and the balance if any pay over to the said  
 Simon M. Lawrence, his heirs or assigns.  
 In testimony whereof the said Simon M. Lawrence  
 hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his  
 seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1879.

Signed, sealed & delivered *S. M. Lawrence* *Seal*  
 in the presence of  
*R. B. Peebles*

State of North Carolina { Clerk's Office  
 Bertie County { Superior Court

The execution of the writer  
 done this day duly proven before the undersigned  
 by the oath and examination of R. B. Peebles the  
 subscribing witness thereto. Therefore let the same  
 with this certificate be registered. Witness my  
 hand and official seal, this March 24<sup>th</sup> 1879.

*Drs. E. Phillips*  
 Clerk Superior Court  
 Bertie County

