

Agreement
Delivered to
J. J. Darden

This agreement entered into this 20th day of May 1879 between Jas. J. Darden, of the first part and William Artis of the other part witnesseth as follows. That whereas the said William Artis is about to engage in the cultivation of the soil, and is desirous to obtain supplies during the year 1879 from the said Jas. J. Darden for the amount of Twenty five Dollars and for taking the acknowledgements and for recording this agreement, and the said Jas. J. Darden bearing on his part, agreed to furnish said supplies Now the said William Artis on his part and in consideration of the above provisions doth hereby grant a Lien to the said Jas. J. Darden on one Bale middling Cotton to weigh 450 lbs to be made the year 1879 and I hereby waive the benefit of my Homestead exemption as to this debt or contract, for the amount advanced to him this year which has been or was intended to have been expended, and the said Artis binds himself agreeable to law to deliver said Cotton above mentioned to Jas. J. Darden at Newbern Depot, T^c by or before the 1st day of December 1879. This Lien is granted under an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved April 2nd 1878 entitled an Act to secure the advance for agricultural purposes.

Witness the following signatures and seals
Jas. J. Darden
William ^{his} Artis
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State of Virginia County of Southampton. To wit:

I R. E. Darden, a Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that William Artis whose name is signed to the within writing bearing date on the 20th day of May 1879, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid, Given under my hand this 20th day of May 1879.
R. E. Darden N. P.

Southampton County: In the Clerk's Office, May 23rd 1879
This Agreement between Jas. J. Darden and William Artis was this day received and with the Certificate annexed, admitted to record.

Teste:
S. R. Edwards C. C.