Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of } Simon his X mark Reeves (seal)
Wm J Washington Henry Webb }

On the back of the foregoing was thus written to wit.

Be it remembered that on this twenty eighth day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty four before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace of the State of Kentucky and for Adair County personally appeared Simon Reeves and acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the foregoing writing as his voluntary act and deed and that he signed the same for the purposes therein mentioned. Given under my hand this day and date above, to wit

Test Thomas Judge Before James Higgins J. P.

Recorded the 29th day of August 1844.

Know all men by these presents that I Elijah Williams administrator of John Y. Brents estate of Adair County and State of Kentucky for the consideration of the sum of two hundred and sixty dollars twenty four cents to me in hand paid by William Shipley of the County and State aforesaid the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have granted bargained sold and delivered, and by these presents do grant bargain sell and deliver unto the said William Shipley a negro boy Bruce about the age of twelve years 19th December 1825 and to serve until 10 the age of thirty one years and the said to be free as well as any person by reason by virtue of the laws of the State of Ky the said Bruce hereby relinquishing all right title interest claim and demand of the said William Shipley his executors administrators assigns and every of them executors administrators and assigns by these presents and by virtue of the power of attorney above mentioned. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 29th day of August 1844

Witness. Robert Boone Elijah Williams (seal)
William Shipley (seal)

At the foot of the foregoing writing it was thus written to wit

Monday the 2nd day of September 1844 personally appeared Elijah Williams administrator of John Y. Brents deceased and acknowledged the above bill of sale to be his act and deed and the bargained negro Bruce mentioned and delivered to William Shipley according to the true intent and meaning thereof and at the same time personally appeared before me Robert Boone a subscribing witness to the above bill of sale and made oath that he saw the same executed by the said Williams

Robert Boone

Recorded this 4th day of September 1844