

T. Pickering, late of Bellingham, in the County of Norfolk, State of Massachusetts, by virtue of a license granted to me on the Fifth day of October last by the Probate Court for the County of Norfolk, in said Commonwealth, sold the real estate of the said deceased, hereinafter described, at public auction, on the First day of November, to Elias T. Bates, of Mendon, in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth aforesaid, for the sum of four hundred thirty five dollars, which amount was bid by the said Elias T. Bates, and was the highest bid made therefor at said auction. Now therefore, in consideration of the said sum of Four hundred thirty five dollars to me paid by the said Elias T. Bates, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I do, as Administrator as aforesaid, and by virtue of the aforesaid license, hereby grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said Elias T. Bates, his heirs and assigns, A piece of wood land situate in said Mendon, containing nine acres and one hundred forty seven rods, be the same more or less, & is bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stake & stones at Mendon street and land of granite, and running North $6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East sixty nine rods to a stone wall & to land this day sold to Edward S. Wooten, then running Westerly with said wall twenty three ^{379.50} rods to stake & stones beside said wall, then running Southerly by land assigned to Mary T. Fairbanks, sixty nine rods to stake & stones at said Mendon street, then running Easterly with said Mendon street twenty three rods to the corner first mentioned. Reserving the right of a leading way to Mary T. Fairbanks her heirs and assigns across the northerly end of said described premises, with the right of a leading way on the Northerly end of a piece of wood land assigned to Ruth Ella & that portion of land set off as dower as reserved in said dower in common with the other heirs.

To have and to hold the granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said Elias T. Bates and his heirs and assigns, to their own use and behoof forever. In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and seal, this First day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven.

Signed and sealed } Nathan R. Cook (seal)