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on or before the first day of January in the year 1827 ^{one thousand} eight hundred and twenty seven I promise for value received to pay and deliver (or cause to be paid and delivered) at some good Cotton gin on or near the Arkansas river To William Ruffell his heirs or assigns good first rate clean and merchantable Cotton of the value and amount of five hundred dollars in current money of the United States to be valued and estimated at the current Cash price of such Cotton at the time when and place when said Cotton is delivered which said sum and amount shall bear interest at the rate of Ten per cent a year from and after the aforesaid first day of January 1827 until paid or a discount at the same rate if paid before that time - And if said five hundred dollars and interest is not paid as above within three months after the same becomes due the said five hundred dollars and interest shall not afterwards be payable in Cotton but in current money of the United States only. Witness my hand and Seal at Little Rock in Arkansas Territory the 18th day of April in the year 1825. Signed T H Tindale ^{Seal} Witness Rufus W. Stone