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John McLaughlin of Fort Des Moines Iowa 24th
 To Bond October 1857 I John Mc
 Thomas Kennedy of the County
 of Madison & State of
 Iowa do hereby agree to sell and convey by
 deed of special Warranty to Thomas Kennedy
 of Randall County and state of Illinois
 the East half of North East quarter and North
 West quarter of North East quarter of section
 No 26 in Township No 77 North of range No 27
 West of the fifth P M Iowa containing one
 hundred and twenty acres according to the
 original surveys On condition of the said
 Kennedy paying promptly time being the
 essence of the contract two promissory notes
 of even date herewith one for two hundred
 dollars payable first December next after date
 and one for \$200 payable one year from date
 with ten percent interest If said notes is not promptly
 paid when due I hereby reserve to myself the
 right to enter upon and take possession of
 said premises and to declare this contract
 and all payments thereon forfeited And it
 is understood that the said Kennedy is
 to pay all taxes that may accrue against
 said land and not to cut timber except
 for improvements to be placed on the same
 Then this bond is to be void carried into
 full effect

Witness my hand the day and year above
 written
 John^{his} McLaughlin
 said notes are payable at Des Moines
 Iowa Witness Tho^r. Cavanagh I the within bond is Bargained
 and sold by said McLaughlin to said Kennedy being one hun-
 dred twenty acres at five dollars per acre Making a total of
 six hundred Dollars two hundred dollars of which said
 Thomas Kennedy this day pays unto said John McLaughlin
 Dated October 24th A.D. 1857 Witness Thomas Cavanagh
 Filed for record the 27th day of Oct 1857 at 2 o'clock P M
 David Bishop Recorder
 James Shepard Deputy