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The State of Alabama } This indenture
Shelby County } Made and entered into this the Eleventh day of March one thousand Eight hundred and fifty Six between Edward Bailey of said County of the first part and W. P. St John of Blount County of the second part Witnesseth that Whereas the said party of the first is justly indebted to the said party of the second part in the sum of one hundred and fourteen 26/100 dollars due first day of January next (1857) and the said party of the first part is willing and desirous to secure the said party of the second part by giving him the said party of the second part a Mortgage on the following property (To Wit) 1 Sorrel Horse Six years old now in the possession of the said party of the first part also one Black Mare pony three cows and calves and three Heifers & four year lands all in the possession of the said party of the first part and he the said party of the first part is to have the use of said property untill the above named sum one hundred fourteen 26/100 Dollars falls due and if he the said party of the first part fails to pay the above named sum the said party of the second part himself or some agent shall expose the above named property to public out and sell the same for cash giving ten days notice and selling the same at the Residence of the said party of the first part In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed my seal day and year first above written

Edward Bailey

The State of Alabama } I. N. Lee one acting
Shelby County } Justice of the peace
in and for said county hereby certify that Edward
Baily whose name is signed to the foregoing
Mortgage who is known to me acknowledged before
me on this day that being informed of the contents
of the mortgage he Executed the same voluntarily
on the day the same bears date

Given under my hand
This 11th day of March, A.D. 1856
N. Lee. Justice of the Peace