Burgess J. M.

to

Cost. James

The State of Alabama, } This Indenture made and
Shelby county. } entered into this the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six between J. M. Burgess of the first part and James Cost of the second part, both of the county and state aforesaid, witnesseth that whereas the said party of the first part is in debt to the said party of the second part in the sum of Twenty-eight dollars due 25th of December, 1856, and the said party of the first part is willing and desirous to secure the said party of the second part, he gives him a mortgage on a certain sorrel mule about 16 months old - said mule he got from A. Cross Jr. and now in the possession of the said party of the first part. Now if the said party of the first part fails to pay said sum, twenty-eight dollars, on or before the 25th of December, 1856, then it shall be lawful for the said party of the second part to take charge of said mule and advertise him for sale, and sell him at public outcry, giving ten days' notice, and selling the same at the residence of the said party of the first part; and after selling the same should there remain in the hands of the second part over and above that which will pay the above described sum and cost of this mortgage, he shall pay it over to the party of the first part. In testimony I have hereunto set my name, affixed my seal, day and year first above written.

J. M. Burgess.

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