Finley Wm
To
J. O. Johnson

Shelby County State Ala S-I-W- March 26th 1878

This indenture made and entered into this 26th day of March 1878 between Wm Finley debtor of the 1st part & J. O. Johnson creditor of the 2nd part, witnesseth: That whereas the said party of the 1st part is justly indebted to the party of the 2nd part in the sum of Forty nine dollars & fifty cents ($49.50) due by two promissory notes. (1st note calling for $19.50 Dated Jan 11th 1877. 2nd note calling for $49.50 dated March 26th 1878) are payable on or before the 1st day of Dec 1878 & the said party of the 1st part being desirous to secure the payment of said indebtedness: for & in consideration thereof & for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar to the said party of the 1st part in hand paid by the said party of the 2nd part receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said party of the 1st part has sold & hereby sells and conveys to the said party of the 2nd part, the following described property to wit: One black mule about 9 years old. to have & to hold in trust as follows: It is hereby agreed that the said party of the 1st part is to have & retain possession of the said property until the 1st day of December 1878. & if the said party of the 1st part shall fully pay to the said party of the 2nd part said debt & interest thereon & reasonable expenses hereof by said 1st day of Dec 1878, then this indenture is to be null and void, But upon default of such payment, the said party of the 2nd part is hereby authorized to take into possession & sell said property to the highest bidder for cash after giving 10 days notice of the time & place of said sale, by posting at three public places, & out of the proceeds of said sale, retain the sum of the two promissory notes & interest $69. or dollars & interest thereon & the reasonable costs hereof & the balance if any pay to the said party of the 1st part &c.

Signed Sealed & delivered this 26th day of March 1878 in presence of: Witness: J Mattetton
Lillie Johnson

Wm his X mark Finley (Seal)
J. O. Johnson (Seal)

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J T Leeper Judge of Probate