

James Shilby }
 To }
 John C. Johnston }
 Know all men by these presents }
 That I James Shilby of the County of }
 Madison and State of Iowa for and in considera- }
 tion of the Sum of Two hundred and }
 twenty three Dollars and thirty seven Cents to me in hand }
 paid by John C. Johnston I hereby sell to the said John }
 C. Johnston I hereby sell to the said John C. }
 Johnston the following described personal property }
 to wit. One bay Mare four years old about fifteen }
 and one half hands high and One bay horse Eight years old }
 with a small white Stripe in his face about fifteen }
 hands high and One common two horse Wagon }
 the above described property is this day sold and }
 delivered by me to the said John C. Johnston for }
 the consideration of the above named Sum of money }
 The condition of the above sale is such that if the said James }
 Shilby shall pay or cause to be paid at its maturity a certain }
 promissory Note executed by the said Shilby and made }
 payable to the said John C. Johnston or his order said Note }
 bearing even date herewith and calling for the sum of Two hundred }
 and twenty three Dollars and thirty seven Cents and bearing }
 interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from }
 date until paid and due four months after date, the above }
 sale is further Conditioned that the said Shilby is to retain }
 possession of the above described property until the maturity }
 of said Note unless the said John C. Johnston shall }
 sooner take possession of the same. In Testimony whereof }
 I have hereunto subscribed my hand this the 16th day }
 of March A.D. 1857

James Shilby

State of Iowa

Madison County

On this 16th day of March A.D. 1857, personally appeared before me, the above named James Shilby personally known to me to be the identical person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein expressed. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of this District Court of said County this day and year last above.

Written.

William Russell

Clerk of District Court

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S. M. Lusk, Recorder