

State of Maryland, Howard County, To wit:-
 Be it remembered, and it is hereby cer-
 tified, that on this thirty first day of May
 eighteen hundred and fifty six, before the
 subscriber, one of the Justices of the peace of
 the state of Maryland, in and for the county
 aforesaid, personally appeared John W. Short
 and Remus R. Hobbs, they being known by
 me to be the persons who are the parties to the
 foregoing instrument of writing, and
 whose proper signatures are thereto sub-
 scribed, and severally acknowledged the
 said instrument of writing, to be their
 respective act and deed, In testimony
 whereof I hereto subscribe my name, on
 the date aforesaid,

Alfred G. Hearn

Received to be recorded on the 25th day of June
 1856, same day recorded and examined per
 W. H. Worthington Clerk.

Benjamin Cook & Co. } Howard County to wit:-
 Certificate of stray } I hereby certify that
 Benjamin Cook of How-
 ard County, brought before me, the sub-
 scriber, one of the justices of the Peace in
 and for the said county, this 27th day of
 June in the year 1856, a a stray, a bro-
 wn mare mule age unknown, of large
 size, a scar over the left eye, a small
 white spot on the right side of the neck,
 just in front of the withers, galled by
 the collar, and shod all round.

Given under my hand this 27th day of June
 1856, Jno. G. Worthington J.P.

To W. H. Worthington Clerk
 of Howard County court,

The owner of the above described mule is
 requested to come forward, prove property,
 pay charges and take her away.

Benjamin Cook,

Living at Elbridge Landing,

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