Republic of Texas

Know all men by these presents that I Jesse Francis of the county of Fannin am held and firmly bound unto John Emberson of the County of Red Riverin the penal sum of One thousand Dollars, and for the payment of which well and truly to be made I bind myself my heirs and assigns firmly by these presents- Witness my hand and seal this 22 day of October AD 1837-

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Jesse Frances has this day bargained sold transferred and conveyed for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged all his right, title, interest, and claim in and to ~~Six hundred and forty acres of land~~ his discharge the same that he may receive for 6 months service as Rangers in Capt Mark R. Roberts, company - now shall the said Jesse Frances serve out the aforesaid months - and receive an honorable discharge &c. and make all necessary transfers of sd ~~land~~ discharge to him the said John Emberson when, or within six months after being discharged then this obligation to be null and void in law, otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue

Done and signed and sealed the day and date as above

In presence of Wm M Williams Jesse His Francis mark Seal

Interlined before signed
W. S. Dillingham
Alex. McKinney
Witness