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No. 747

Articles of Agreement made and concluded this 5th day of March, 1866,
between John Conway of Wash, County of Washington
[[~~State of~~]] dist of Columbia party of the first
part, and JD Benjamin, of Bladensburg, County of Prince Geo, State of
Maryland, party of the second part.

The said John Conway freed laborers, agree to enter the service of the
said JD Benjamin as farmer, and, also, that they will faithfully and
diligently apply themselves and perform the duties of farmer, on the
premises of said JD Benjamin and answer all the reasonable
requirements of the said JD Benjamin, for, and during the space of ten
months, from the 5th day of March, 1866; and they further agree that
their employer shall retain one-fourth their monthly wages until the
expiration of their term of service.

And the said JD Benjamin hereby agrees to employ them (the said freed
laborers) for the term of ten months, as aforesaid, and to pay for their
services the sum set opposite their respective names, per month - (one
fourth of which shall be retained each month,) and all stoppages and
arrearages promptly paid at the expiration of their respective terms of
service, to wit:

John Conway 10\$ ten dollars

in equal monthly payments; and the said JD Benjamin, further agrees to
furnish said freed laborers above named, quarters, fuel, full substantial
and healthy rations, and all necessary medical attendance and supplies
in case of sickness, in addition to the compensation above named, and
that he will assist and encourage efforts for the education of the children
of his employees. And it is further agreed by the said JD Benjamin that
in case he at any time fails to perform his part of this agreement, he will
pay to the said laborers the full sum of one One Hundred dollars, as
fixed, agreed and liquidated damages.

If it shall be mutually desirable to annul this contract before expiration of
the term agreed upon, it shall be done only in the presence and with the
concurrence of such officer of the Freedman's Bureau, (or other
authority) as may have immediate jurisdiction in this matter in the district
wherein such parties reside.

In testimony whereof, they have herewith set their hands and seals, the
day and year first above written.

J.D. Benjamin[[L.S]]John his mark X Conway [L.S.]

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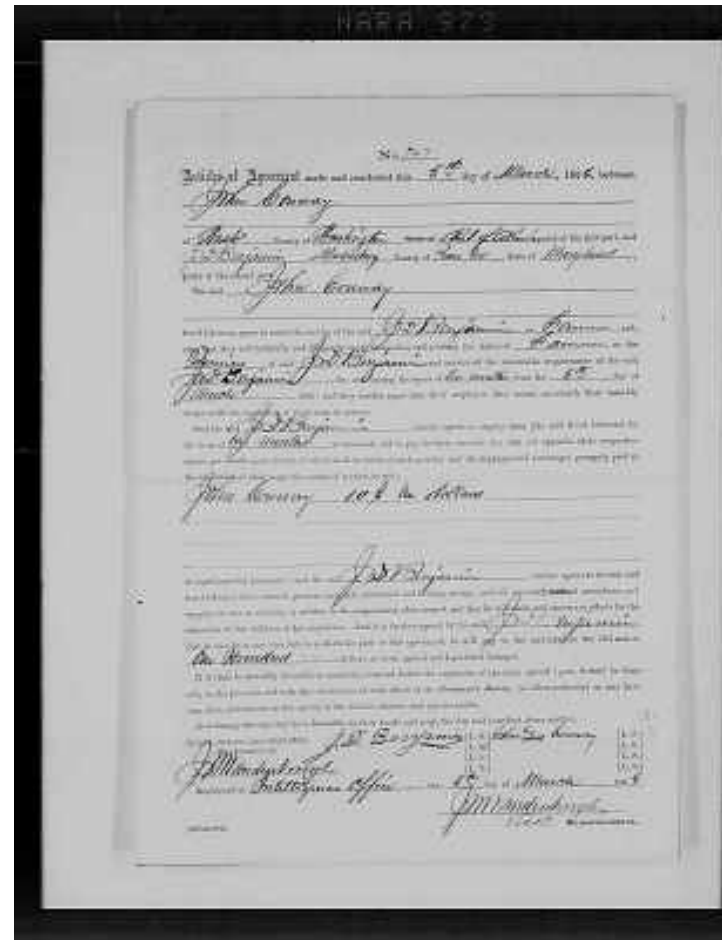
SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED, IN PRESENCE OF

J V W Vandenburg

Registered at Intelligence Office, the 5th day of March 1866.

J V W Vandenburg Asst Superintendent

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