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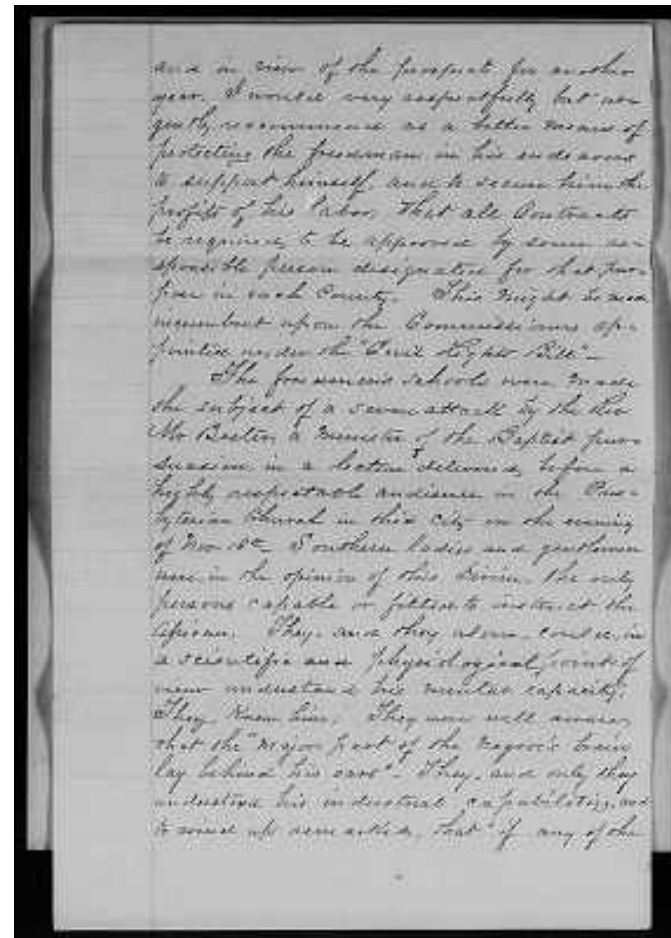
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an in view of the prospects for another year. I would very respectfully but urgently recommend as a better means of protecting the freedman in his endeavors to support himself, and to secure him the profits of his labor, that all contracts be required to be approved by some responsible person designated for that purpose in each county. This might be made incumbent upon the Commissioners appointed under the "Civil Rights Bill" -

The freedmen's schools were made the subject of a severe attack by the Rev Mr. Bester, a Minister of the Baptist persuasion, in a lecture delivered before a highly respectable audience in the Presbyterian Church in this city - on the evening of Nov 18th Southern ladies and gentlemen were, in the opinion of this Divine, the only persons capable or fitted to instruct the African. They and they alone, could, in a scientific and physiological point of view understand his mental capacity. They knew him; They were well aware that the "major part of the negro's brain lay behind his ears" - They, and only they understood his industrial capability, and to wind up remarked, that "if any of the



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