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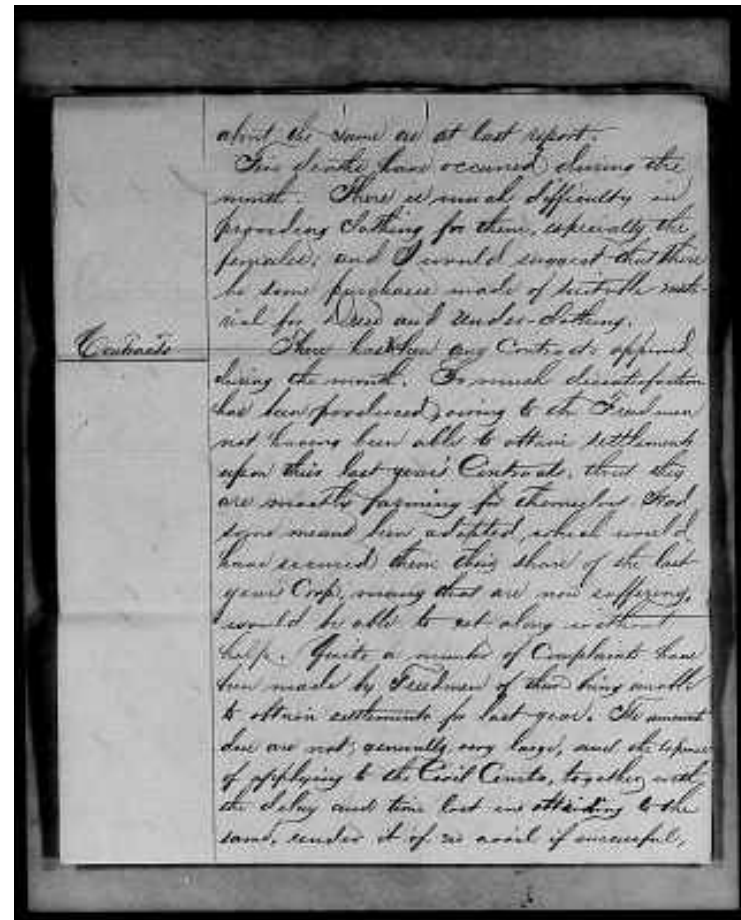
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about the same as at last report.

Five deaths have occurred during the month. There is much difficulty in providing clothing for them, especially the females; and I would suggest that there be some purchases made of suitable material for Dress and Under-clothing.

#### Contracts

There hasn't been any contracts approved during the month. So much dissatisfaction has been produced, owing to the Freedmen not having been able to obtain settlements upon their last year's contracts, that they are mostly farming for themselves. Had some means been adopted, which would have secured them their share of the last year's crop, many that are now suffering, would be able to get along without help. Quite a number of complaints have been made by Freedmen of their being unable to obtain settlements for last year. The amounts due are not, generally, very large, and the expense of applying to the Civil Courts, together with the delay and time lost in attending to the same, render it of no avail if successful,



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