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the case. Like injustice is apt to be repeated year after year until the freedmen are interested in the science of numbers, unless they change the nature of their contracts and work for stipulated wages.

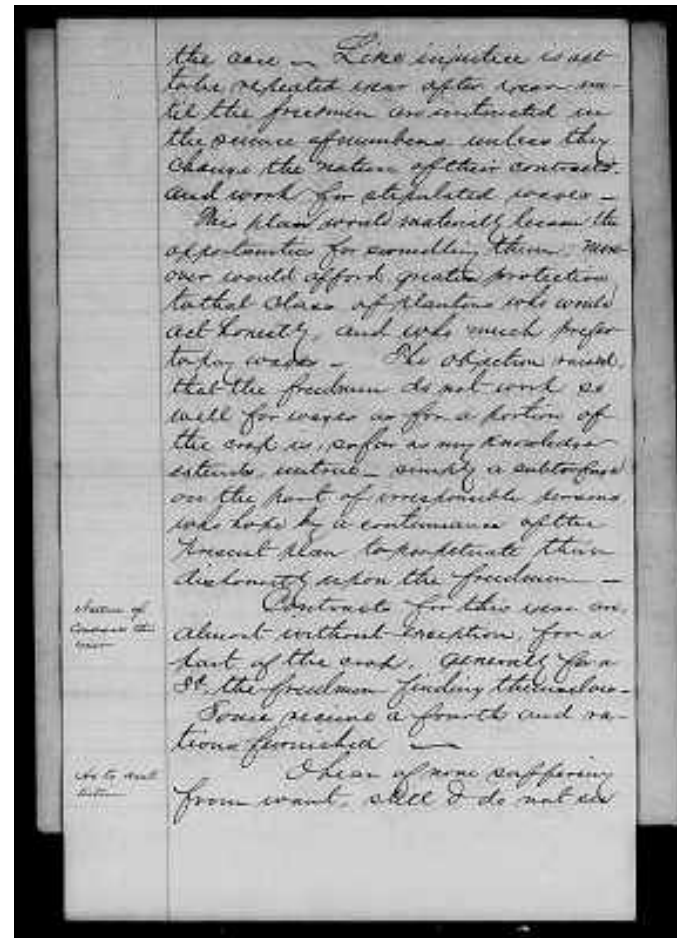
This plan would materially lessen the opportunities for swindling them; moreover would afford greater protection to that class of planters who would act honestly, and who much prefer to pay wages. The objection raised, that the freedman do not work so well for wages as for a portion of the crop is, so far as my knowledge extends, untrue. simply a subterfuge on the part of irresponsible persons who hope by a continuance of the present plan to perpetuate their dishonesty upon the freedmen.

[[margin]] Nature of Contracts this year [[/margin]]

Contracts for this year are, almost without exception, for a part of the crop, generally for a 3d, the freedmen finding themselves Some receive a fourth and rations furnished.

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I hear of none suffering from want, still I do not see



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