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everything. Perhaps one-fourth works for fixed wages of from \$5.00 to \$12.00 pr month, and often an addition of 10 c pr hundred pounds for cotton picking. Rations are usually four pounds of pork and one peck of meal for week. 1/8 to 1/4 of an acre is allowed each hand for a garden

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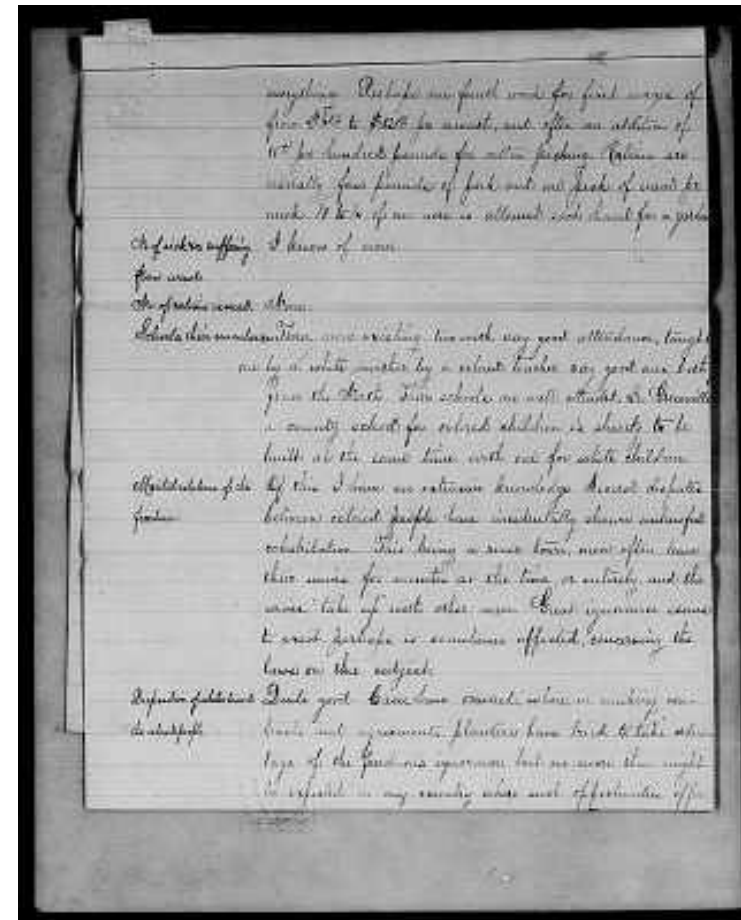
[No. of sick to suffering from work] I know of none.]

[No. of rations issued] None.]

[Schools, chair members] Three now existing, two with very good attendance, laugh one by a white, another by a colored teacher very good ones, both from the North. Their schools are well attended. In Greenville a county school for colored children is shortly to be built at the same time with one for white children.]

[Marital relations of the freedmen] Of this I have no extensive knowledge. Several disputes between colored people have incidentally shown unlawful cohabitation. This being a river town, men often leave their wives for months at the time or entirely, and the wives "take up" with other men. Great ignorance seems to exist, perhaps is sometimes affected, concerning the laws on this subject.]

[Disposition of whites toward the colored people.] Quite good. Cases have occurred, where in making contracts and agreements, planters have tried to take advantage of the freedmen's ignorance, but no more than might be expected in any country where such opportunities offer.]



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