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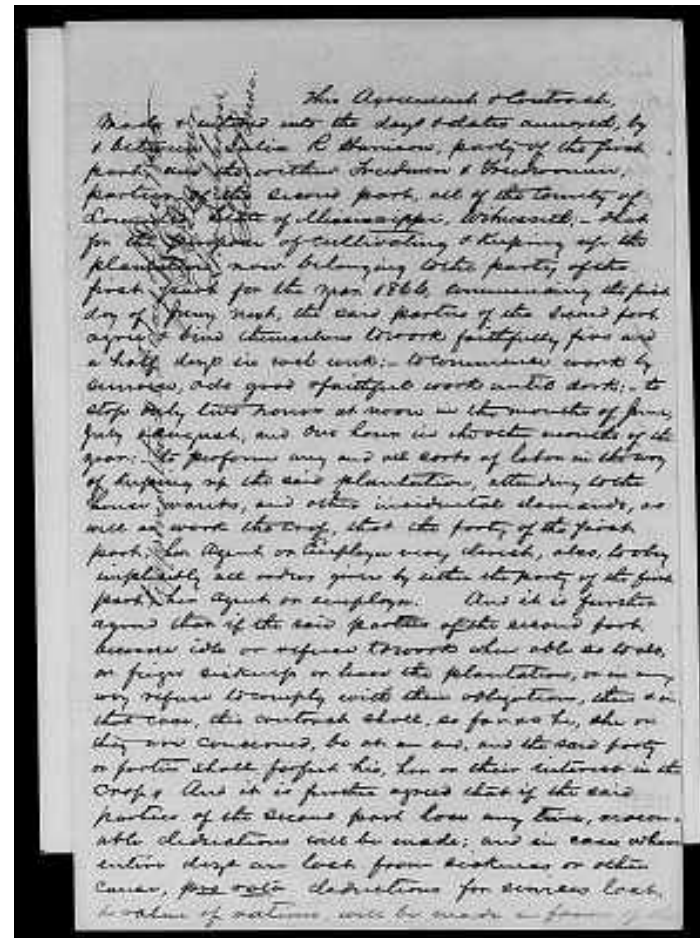
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This Agreement and Contract made and entered into the days and dates annexed, by and between Julia R Harrison, party of the first part, and the within Freedmen & Freedwomen, parties of the second part, all of the County of Lowndes, state of Mississippi, Witnesseth; - That for the purpose of cultivating & keeping up the plantation now belonging to the party of the first part for the year 1866, commencing the first day of Jan'y next, the said parties of the second part agree and bind themselves to work faithfully five and a half days in ever week; - to commence works by sunrise, & do good and faithful work until dark: - to stop only two hours at noon in the months of June July and August, and one hour in the other months of the year: - to perform any and all sorts of labor in the way of keeping up the said plantation, attending to the house works, and other incidental demands, as well as work the crop, that the party of the first part, her Agent or Employee may direct, also to obey implicitly all orders given by either the party of the first part, her Agent or employee. And it is further agreed than if the said parties of the second part, become idle or refuse to work when able to do so, or feign sickness or leave the plantation, or is using way to refuse to comply with their obligations, then and in that case, the contract shall, so far as he, she or they are concerned, be at an end end, and the said party or parties shall forfeit his, her or their interest in the crops; and it is further agreed that if the said parties of the second part lose any time, reasonable deductions will be made and in the case when entire days are lost from sickness or other cause pro rata deductions for services lost, & value of rations, will be made in favor of the



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