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Atlanta Ga. November 4. 1867

I certify that in the spring of 1866 I made a verbal agreement with Mr. W.A. Perry, then on St Catherine’s Island, Georgia, to attend to the issuing of a lot of Clothing to the freedpeople on that island, but no particular amount was settled upon, as it was not then known how much time and labor would be necessary to attend to it. As stated in my letter to General Howard of May 14. 1866, which was approved by him, it was arranged that after the crop was gathered and disposed of, the people should pay the Government for the clothing at an average price fixed upon by Major Watson. Mr. Perry was to be remunerated from the proceeds, but the crops proving a partial failure, it was decided by my successor not to collect any thing for the Clothing and Mr Perry since deceased received nothing for his services, which cover the time stated and in my opinion are worth the full amount specified.

Davis Tillson
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