

[14 April 1867]

State of South Carolina
Fairfield District

Article of agreement between D. T. Crosby and the following freedmen whose names are hereunto attached.

1st The said freedmen agree to hire their time as labourers ~~and~~ on the plantation of D. T. Crosby from Jan 1-1867 to Jan 1-1868 to conduct themselves faithfully, honestly, civilly and ~~and~~ diligently to perform all labor on said plantation, or such as may be connected therewith that may be required by the said D. T. Crosby nor to leave the premises during working hours, without the consent of the proprietor.

The said freedmen agree to perform the daily tasks without usually allotted on said plantation. In all cases where tasks cannot be assigned they agree to labor diligently ten hours a day.

For every days labor lost by absence, refusal or neglect to perform the daily tasks or labor said servants shall forfeit fifty cent (50^{cts}) If absent voluntarily or without leave two dollars a day. if absent more than one day without leave to be subject to dismissal from the plantation and forfeiture of share in the crop or wages as the case may be.

Said freedmen agree to take good care of all utensils tools or implements committed to their charge and to pay for the same if injured or destroyed.

also to be kind and gentle to all work animals under their charge and to pay for any injury which they may sustain while in their hands through their carelessness or neglect.

They agree to be directed in their labor by the foreman, to obey his orders, and that he shall report all absences, neglect, refusal to work or disorderly conduct to the employer. Said employer agrees to treat his ~~workmen~~ ^{men} ~~workmen~~ ^{men} with justice and kindness, and to divide the crop with them in the following proportions, ~~viz~~ ^{viz} Dink and three boys get a portion of the crop one-third of the corn, peas and potatoes gathered and prepared for market, and one-third net proceeds of the ginned cotton or its market value, and Dink agrees to pay Barnett fifty five dollars in currency and a pair of shoes at the end of the year. Dink also agrees to furnish Barnett with one peck of meal $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of meat a week during the year.

And I further agree to give Dink (one fifth) of the wheat crop harvested by them. Said employer agrees to furnish animals, and to feed them, also waggon, carts, plantation implements such as cannot be made by the laborers on the plantation. All violations of the terms of this contract, or of the rules and regulations of the employer, may be punished by dismissal from the plantation with forfeiture of his or her share of

the crop or wages, as the case may be.

The employer or his agent shall keep a book in which shall be entered all advances made by him, and fines and forfeitures for lost times, or any cause, which book shall be received as evidence in same manner as merchant's books are now received in Courts of Justice, and shall have a right to deduct from the share of each laborer all his or her fines and forfeitures also all advances made by him.

The laborer shall not sell any agricultural products to any person whatever without the consent of the employer until after the division of the crops.

The laborer shall commence work at sunrise and be allowed from one to two hours each day for their meals, according to season of the year.

Witness our hands &c this

14 April 1867

Jamuel Pinn

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Barnet ^{his} ~~mark~~
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