

## Transcription

I P. C. Morgan having entered into a contract with Irby's Henry Hudson's Albert Thoma's Ned Peggie and Eley hiring them by the year, Said Negroes to remain with me until the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1866— Do hereby obligate myself to pay to Said Negroes as compensation for their labor, One fourth of the Corn, One fourth of the Tobacco, One sixth of the Wheat after deducting Seed One eighth of the Oats after deducting Seed, One fourth of the Fodder not including Tops

I also bind myself to feed said Negroes giving two (2) quarts of Meal a day and two and a half (2½) pounds of Bacon a week to each one, Said Negroes are to Clothe themselves— Said Negroes are to be subject to my rules and regulations, Are to work when and where I Say work Are not to use any effrontery or impudent language when Spoken to. ~~No Saturday will be given Said Negroes as holiday unless at my discretion,~~ Said Negroes are to remain at home two Sundays in every Month unless special permission is granted to leave by Said P. C. Morgan The remaining Sundays in each Month Said Negroes will be at liberty to visit any where in the neighborhood with permission from the Owners of the place where they may wish to visit. Said Negroes are not to be caught in any Roguery or mean act which will cause the Neighboring Citizens to complain, In all cases of Sickness when time is lost deductions will be made for the Same, If any breach of Contract on part of either of Said Negroes, Said Negro by their breaking the Contract forfeits all claims for pay And will Then be liable to be driven from the plantation by Said P. C. Morgan

Witness Peter F. Howlett  
Jany 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Approved April 5<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Robt Cullen  
First Asst Supt F B  
Nottoway Co Va

P. C. Morgan  
Jame his X mark Thomas  
Henry his X mark Irby  
Ned his X mark Thomas  
Eley his X mark Thomas

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