

## Transcription

This Article of Agreement Made the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1865, between Catharine L. Cate, of the first part, and B. J. Johns, of the second part— Witnesseth:

That for and in consideration of the sum of Five dollars, the said Catharine L. Cate hereby agrees faithfully and diligently the perform the duties of Cook, for the said B. J. Johns, of Lunenburg Co. Va., at his place in Lunenburg Co., Va. for the period of one month, in consideration of which services the party of the second part agrees to pay the said party of the first part, the sum of five dollars per month, with proper and suitable found and quarters. The said parties hereby further agree that a sum equal to one month's pay shall be retained by the said part of the second part until final settlement at the expiration of the said period And the said parties further unchangably agree that if this contract be violated by either party without legal cause, the party so violating the same shall pay to the other, as liquidation damages, the sum of five dollars.

And the said parties further agree that if it shall be mutually desirable to amend this contract before the expiration of the terms agreed upon, it shall be done only in the presence, and with the concurrence of such officer of the Freedmen's Bureau, as may have immediate jurisdiction in this matter in the district wherein the said parties reside

Given at Lunenburg C. H. Va, on the day and date above written

Witness

W. H. Beck

2<sup>d</sup> Lieut ast supt Freedman's Bureau

Lunenburg Co. Va.

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Catherine X Cate L.S.

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B J Johns L.S.

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