Agreement made this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Jan 1867 between D.C. E Brady of the first part Sam Thompson freedman of the second part, witnesseth that the said Sam hereby agrees faithfully and diligently to perform any duties, that said Brady may require of him, in mechanics shop or farm or elsewhere for the period of twelve months. In consideration of which services, said Brady hereby agrees to pay to the said Sam, ten dollars per month plus rations.

And the parties further agree, that if it should be mutually desirable to annul this contract before the expiration of the time agreed upon, it shall be done only in the presence of & with the consent of such officers of the Freedmans Bureau, as may have considerable jurisdiction in this matter in the district wherein the said parties reside. Given at Buffalo Forge, Rockbridge Co Va the day and date above.

		Dan C. Brady		(seal)
Witnesses				
We certify that we heard		his		
the contract read	Sam	Х	Thompson	(seal)
to Sam Thompson		mark		
& he agreed thereto.				