Agreement made this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Jan /67 between D.C.E. Brady, of the first part & Henry Fowler (freedman) of the second part: witnesseth that the said Henry, hereby agrees faithfully and diligently, to perform the duties of forgeman, for the said Brady, at his place or such other place as he may direct, for the period of twelve months. In consideration of which services said Brady agrees to pay the said Henry, the sum of four dollars per ton, for each ton of bar iron made by him. Said Henry also agrees to perform farm or other work where needed for which services, said Brady agrees to pay said Henry sixty two & a half cents per day.

Said Henry to feed himself, but said Brady agrees to furnish a house & field to allow said Henry to keep 2 hogs in a pen. Said Henry agrees to pay said Brady four dollars per month Rent & two dollars per month for firewood and the said parties agree, that if it should be mutually desirable to annul this contract before the expiration of the term agreed upon, it should be done only in the presence of & with the consent of such officers of the Freedmans Bureau, as may have immediate jurisdiction in this matter, in the district in which the said parties reside. Given at Buffalo Forge, Rockbridge Co. Va on the day & date above.

Daniel E Brady (Seal)

Witnesses We certify that we heard the above contract read to Henry Towels & he agrees thereto W.M. Rex L.H.C. Reynolds

his (Seal) Henry X Towels mark