

In those colonies or possessions of Her Britannic Majesty in which, under the Treaty to which these Regulations form an Annex, Mixed Commissions are to sit, the Boards of Superintendence of the liberated negroes shall consist of the Governors of the said colonies or possessions, and of the Portuguese commissioners in the said Mixed Commissions; and that when the Portuguese commissioners are absent, then the Portuguese arbitrators of the said Mixed Commissions shall sit, in the place of the commissioners, in the Boards of Superintendence of liberated negroes.

In those colonies or possessions of Her Most Faithful Majesty in which, under the present Treaty, Mixed Commissions are to sit, the Boards of Superintendence of the liberated negroes shall consist of the Governors of those colonies or possessions, and of the British commissioners in the said Mixed Commissions; and when the British commissioners are absent, then the British arbitrators of the said Mixed Commissions shall sit, in the place of the commissioners, in the Boards of Superintendence of liberated negroes.

The several members of the Boards of Superintendence shall, before entering upon their offices, respectively take an oath, in presence of the principal magistrate of the place, that they will faithfully execute their office, without favour or partiality, according to the true intent and meaning of these Regulations.

#### ARTICLE IV.

In order the better to carry into effect the purposes intended by the present Regulations, a person of known probity and humanity shall be selected and appointed by the Board of Superintendence, to act under its directions, with the title of Curator of liberated Negroes; and such Curator may, under the sanction of the Board, employ such persons as may be necessary to assist him in the execution of his duties.

The Curator, so appointed, shall, previously to his entering on the duties of his office, take before the Board of Superintendence an oath in the following words :

"I, A. B., do solemnly swear that I will act, to the best of my skill and knowledge, faithfully and impartially in the execution of my office; and that I will conduct myself with due respect to the authority of the Board of Superintendence of liberated negroes to which I am attached.

"So help me God."

#### ARTICLE V.

The Curator of the liberated negroes shall be personally present at the delivery of the negroes to the person charged by the Government to receive them, after the sentence of emancipation is passed, as specified in Article II. of these Regulations.

Duplicate original receipts for the negroes delivered over to the Government, specifying the number of each sex, shall, at the time when they are delivered as aforesaid, be made out and signed by the officer receiving them.

One original of such receipts shall be given to

the person previously in charge of the negroes, the other shall be given to the Curator, who shall deposit the same in the registry of the Mixed Commission which adjudicated the case of the vessel in which the negroes were captured.

At the time of the delivery of such negroes to the Government, in the manner hereinbefore mentioned, they shall be minutely inspected by the Curator; who shall give to each negro a name, which name shall then be entered by the Curator, in a book to be called "Register of Emancipated Negroes," and to be kept for that purpose in the office of the Board of Superintendence; and opposite to the name shall be entered a description of the person, with the probable age, with the bodily marks, and with any particulars which can be ascertained regarding the family and nation of such negro, together with the name of the vessel in which he was captured.

Each negro shall then be marked on the upper part of the right arm with a small silver instrument, bearing for its device a symbol of freedom.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The Board of Superintendence shall then make known by the public papers its intention to apprentice out the liberated negroes; and after seven days have elapsed from the announcement of such intention, the hiring or apprenticing of the negroes shall take place, either by public auction or by tender, as may be thought best; and the negroes shall then be distributed to their hirers, upon the conditions and stipulations hereinafter mentioned; which conditions and stipulations shall be published at the time of auction or tender, and shall also be embodied in a contract or indenture, to be entered into formally between the hirer and the aforesaid Board. The contract or indenture shall be made out in duplicate; it shall be in print and not in writing; one copy of it shall remain with the hirer, and the other with the Board, under the care of the Curator.

When the sums offered by two or more different persons for the hiring of a negro are equal, preference shall be given to the person who will undertake to employ such negro as a mechanic or as a domestic servant.

#### ARTICLE VII.

The period of service for which apprentices shall be bound, shall be seven years for all negroes who, at the time of hiring, are above thirteen years of age; but three of the seven years may be afterwards remitted, at the discretion of the Board, upon the recommendation of the master, and upon proof that the apprentice is capable of earning an honest livelihood, and is worthy of such indulgence.

The apprenticeship of negroes who, at the time of hiring, are under thirteen years of age, shall continue till the age of twenty, subject to a diminution of that term, at the discretion of the Board, upon due proof being given that the apprentice is worthy of such indulgence, and is capable of maintaining himself.