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Brierfield, P. O., Warren Co., Miss.

August 13th/94.

Hon. A. B. Gurgue,

I herewith undertake to give a sketch of the negro situation in my vicinity, to show how they are over-powered out of their rightful earnings. First their children only get four months schooling - generally, and eight months vacation - hence they lose all we learned. They pay from seven (7.00) to nine (9.00) dollars per acre for land Rent annually. If they work the day it is from 50¢ to 60¢, and it is generally paid in merchandise, or checks payable monthly. During the days labor should they lose a quarter or half a hour they are docked 75¢ or \$1.00 on pay day. Renters pay four hundred & fifty pounds for a mule each year. 7/8 to 1¢ per pound for ginning cotton. Pays from 4.00 to 6.00 per 13^{lb} of meal, from 5.00 to 8.00 per 13^{lb} of flour, from 7 1/2¢ to 12 1/2¢ for

From 40¢ to 75¢ per Gal. of Molasses.
From 25¢ to 40¢ per lbs for Coffee, From 10¢
to 15¢ per lbs for Sugar, Recently many levees
have been erected for 60¢ per day for labor.
Tobacco from 40¢ to 80¢ per lb. Rice from 10 to 12
¢ a lb. Mules that are quoted in the market
for \$40. & 80.¢ we pay 120. to 160.¢ dollars.
Horse quoted at 35. to 60.¢ we pay 100. to 150.
dollars. (That what we pay if ^{we} buy them)
learned men scarcely use any Ape Book, should
they use any they are no use settlement day.
Should you dispute your ape's. You are either
clubbed or shot. I say and will say such
treatment are not worth living! I have been
land, designated United States troops, to
disperse strikers in various states, without
their permission, why can't he send marshalls
to the South to rectify the affairs of those
blue people. I pray & will ask united prayers for
the deliverance of my people, I say nothing of
rapes and amalgamation heaped upon my
people, doubtless there must be an avenue
some where.