We have this day hired of Mrs. Ann Summers her yellow man Henry for the present year, to be imployed [sic] as a cooper, and only at his trade as a

emergency
cooper except in a special **x**, it may become
necessary for short periods to employ him otherwise.
We engage and bind ourselves to treat him
well, to furnish him with two suits of summer
clothing, & a good warm suit of winter clothing
including shirts, shoes, stockings, hat & blanket
and to return him as clothed at Christmas
next when the hiring will expire.

We further oblige ourselves to pay his wages as following sixty five dollars on the first of July next and a like sum on the first of January next -making in all one hundred and thirty dollars--signed this 24th of Janry 1837

JRS/[?] Wilson
[initials & signature]