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These articles of agreement made and concluded between the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary on the one part, and John H. Duvall, of the city of Baltimore, on the other part, witnesseth, that the said Directors on their part do covenant and agree with the said John H. Duvall.

1st. To rent unto him the blacksmith shop now vacant at the Penitentiary, with all the rooms and conveniences thereunto attached, except the carpenter shop, the engine and boiler, one of the blacksmith furnaces, to be placed in the south-west corner of the shop for the use of the Institution, to be worked at no time by more than two hands, for the remaining portion of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, and for five years thereafter, for the annual rent of two hundred dollars, with the privilege of removing the present engine and boiler, and of erecting others of more power, and also of erecting steam boxes and dry houses, and removing a portion of the fire places and chimneys, and of making such other changes and additions, without injury to the premises, as may be necessary for the convenience of manufacturing barrels by machinery, and also for the use of yard room for the storage of one hundred cords of wood; all said changes and additions to be at the cost of John H. Duvall, and to be made under the supervision and directions of the Directors and Warden.

2nd. That the said Directors agree to hire unto the said John H. Duvall thirty of the male convict prisoners, such as they have or may have best adapted for his purposes, to be employed by him in the manufacturing of barrels, for the term of five years from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty, and to grant him the privilege of increasing the number, if they be required by him, from time to time, (any increase of prisoners at any time to be kept by John H. Duvall to the end of the term of this agreement,) to the number of seventy-five. The hire of all said prisoners to be at the rate of twenty-five cents per day for the first three months, as they enter his employment, and sixty cents per day thereafter, with the privilege of receiving as many of the prisoners as he may require at any time during the remainder of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

3rd. That the said Directors grant unto the said John H. Duvall the right to remove at the expiration of this contract all his machinery and building materials, and effects of every kind, he having first discharged to said Directors his debts and obligations under this contract.