

this association, and we do further covenant & agree each & every of us to pay our fair & just proportion of the expenses and costs of ditching & draining the said bottom lands to be ascertained & assessed in proportion to the number of acres owned by each one of us in the said bottom lands & the benefit each will derive from the said drainage, and we do further agree to form & organize our company as soon as practicable elect proper officers & make suitable & necessary bylaws for the government of the said company. And it is agreed & understood between us that the said company shall keep a record of all their transactions & make a full & explicit showing of all moneys or labor assigned for the company & all expenditures made, the company shall meet annually or often as may be deemed necessary. There shall be appointed an Engineer or Surveyor for the company whose duty it shall be to inspect the said bottom lands make a report as to the ditching & draining the same & the work shall be done agreeably to the said report. In all voting of the said company each member shall vote in proportion to the number of acres he may own in said Bottom lands. The mode or manner of letting out contracts for Ditching & straightening the river & draining the lands to be determined by the said company according to their by Laws. It is further agreed & covenanted that all expenses of the said company for cost drainage assessed as well as for drainage shall be paid by assessment on each member of the company in proportion to the number of acres he owns in said bottom land & the improvements he may derive from the said draining, on fair just and equitable principles.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals this March 5th 1861, signed sealed & executed in presence of Thomas J. Harr. } J. M. Benson
Henry Groce } J. M. Harr

South Carolina } Personally appeared before me
Greenville District } Thomas J. Harr and made
oath that he saw James M. Benson & J. M. Harr
sign seal and acknowledge the above instrument
of writing for the uses and purposes within mentioned
and that H. L. Groce together with himself in the
presence of each other witnessed the due execution
of the same. Sworn to before me this 11th May 1861
W. A. M. Davie c. c. p. } Tho. J. Harr

Recorded for the 1st May 1861