

268 The said James Pickett had on the said thirteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and fourteen given his obligation to Kezanna Pickett to pay the said Kezanna Pickett forty two dollars annually during of the said Kezanna Pickett natural life and the said James did perform the said payment annually until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty three further the said James was bound to pay the said forty two dollars annually whether the said two negroes viz Jim and Vilet did live or die; and whereas the said Kezanna Pickett wishing to discontinue the contract of the said ^{two} negroes viz Jim and Vilet and also of the forty two dollars did receive of the said James Pickett on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty three the said two negroes viz Jim & Vilet also the forty two dollars annually up to that date and as such the said contract of the two negroes viz Jim and Vilet and also the forty two dollars annually was all discontinued and set null and void on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty three and whereas to in a dispute of the Right of the increase of of Vilet which is a negro boy by the name of Willis which was born in the year 1818 of James Pickett on the twenty fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and whereas the said James has been at the expense of Raising boarding and paying the Tax of the said negro child or boy Willis from the time the said Willis was born until the present day and whereas the said Kezanna Pickett doth hereby agree to pay the said James Pickett for the raising and boarding and taxing of the said negro boy Willis as follows counting from the said twenty sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and continue until the twenty sixth day of November one thousand eight hundred and twenty three which is five years and twenty six weeks at fifty cents for each week which which is two hundred and ninety six weeks at fifty cents