

To the board of Directors of the State Penitentiary
 Herewith I beg to present the application of H.
 & Perkins Esq., for reimbursement of money by him
 expended for the use of the State in placing in the
 Penitentiary six free negroes that are now employed
 there & under the law as now amended will remain
 there until the close of the war. From the annexed
 Statement it will be seen that he paid hire & cost
 in the whole amounting to \$56.25
 And for transportation the same as convicts 69.00
 And guard for same as for convicts 23.00
 And his own expenses in visiting Idulworth &
 making the arrangement - the sum of \$24.00
 making in all this sum \$172.25

As they were bid in for the State I presume there can
 be no controversy about refunding the hire & costs.
 And perhaps the only item you will question is the
 \$24 his own expenses in coming up to make the
 arrangement. Upon this point permit me to say that
 at that time there was no law precisely applicable to the
 case and he came up to consult with me as to the
 proper course to be pursued and suggested the plan
 which was adopted. The negroes were sent up & he
 advanced the money and at the session of the Legislature
 then sitting the law was so amended as to provide
 for these negroes and all others that might hereafter be
 so situated. I think you will agree with me that as
 he was acting alone for the interest of the State he should
 be reimbursed the amount by him actually expended.
 He thought of memorializing the Legislature upon the
 subject and herewith I present his memorial - but
 as the law was amended before the memorial was
 sent up - it was not then thought necessary to do so.
 And the memorial was not presented. I am absent
 from town to day - but if you desire any further in-
 formation, I will with pleasure in furnishing it at
 any other meeting

I have the honor to be most
 respectfully
 Yrs Oth. Smith Esq. Secy
 for Henry E. Perkins

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Huntsville Jan 30. 1864

We believe the within acct to be correct &
Just - -

J. J. Gay

Marshall Smith

Sam Randall

Director

The Financial Agent, will please pay to the
Order of Hon. S. A. Baker, or H. C. Perkins Cash
the within amount of One hundred & Seventy
two 25/100 dollars as I certify the same is correct

Huntsville 30th Jan^y 1864.

Thos. Parrotney

Received Huntsville 1st Feby 1864 Supt. Treas. Dept.
of Gen. S. B. Kendrick's financial agent states
that he has received for one hundred and seventy two
25/100 dollars in full of the above order on A. Baker
for H. C. Perkins
in - House