Slave Rental Agreement

Slave Rental agreement, dated January 8, 1857. In this partially printed document, terms for the rental of a slave are determined. The document reads:

"On or before the 25th day of December – we promise...ourselves and our heirs, to pay to Joseph H. Parker the sum of one hundred & seventy five Dollars, for the hire of a Negro Slave named Jim for the present year. Said Slave to be returned at Christmas next, well clothed and with the customary Clothing, and furnished with a hat, two pair shoes and blanket. As witness our hands and seals this 8th day of January 1857."



