

1<sup>st</sup> Is there a subsisting contract between yourself & Mr. Tilghman relative to the hire of slaves?

2<sup>d</sup> What are the terms of the Contract as to its continuation, and as to the clear annual sum to be paid for the use, service, and labour of the Slaves and as to the time or times for the payment thereof, and as to the person to whom it is payable?

3<sup>d</sup> What is the number, sexes, and ages of the said Slaves, and their Gross intrinsic value in the County where they are?

4<sup>th</sup> Are the Slaves considered as the absolute property of Mr. Tilghman, or is he considered as only holding an interest in them during life?

5<sup>th</sup> Do you consider yourself obliged by your Contract to deliver them up to Mr. Tilghman or his order, at the expiration of the Term for which they are hired and to whom?

6<sup>th</sup> Is Mr. Tilghman as far as you know or believe indebted to any person or persons in the state of Mississippi or else where in the Western Country; and if so, to whom, and to what amt.?

7<sup>th</sup> Has any process been issued by such persons to affect the property of the said slaves; and if so by whom and to what amt.?

8<sup>th</sup> Have you been instructed, or do you consider yourself authorized to prevent a sale of any of the said slaves, by applying their hire to the payments of such debts?