This Contract made and entered into between
Jos. Sidney Donnely of the City of Houston County of
Harrisburg and Republic of Texas, of the first part,
and Colonel J. Thornton Quarter Master General of
the second part, Witnesseth that the first party hereby for
and in Consideration of the sum of two thousand one
hundred Dollars to be paid as hereafter specified agrees
and binds himself by bond in the penalty of forty two
hundred Dollars for its faithful performance, to
build in a Workmanlike manner, a house to be used
as an Arsenal on or before the 25th day of July next,
of the following descriptions and dimensions Viz, to be Eight-
teen feet wide and thirty long in the clear, twelve feet
between beams, length of rafters fourteen feet, to be
sealed and floored with one and a half inch yellow
pine plank, to have four Window frames and sashes, with
twenty lights in each window, of eight by ten glass, with
strong Blind shutters to fold inside, with iron hinges and
bolts. One door seven feet by four, of two inch Oak plank
with a substantial Lock. The building to be of hewed pine
logs, squaring nine inches, roof to be close sheathed and
shingled with good heart pine or cypress shingles, to stand
three feet from the ground upon sixteen posts, sunk
three feet, posts to be Eighteen inches in diameter. ~~The plank~~
~~work in the building to be well seasoned~~ and it is expressly
understood, that the House is to be completed and ready
for delivery, on or before the time before stated, when
finished and before its reception by the party of the second
part, each party shall select a Carpenter to examine
thoroughly the building, and determine whether or not
the Contract has been complied with and the House built
in a workmanlike manner, and in case of disagreement
they shall select a third, whose decision shall be final-
and the said second party in Consideration thereof binds
himself to make the following payments Viz. five
hundred dollars, when the lumber and timbers are on the

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