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Statement of Mrs Roese Porter

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about the 5th of Jany I was at the house of Dr Williams who lives near me and is Nephew to Mrs Martin from whom I bought the wood. Dr Williams told me that his Aunt Martin had quite a quantity of wood that she thought she would sell and advised me to call on her & buy it I asked him if he would go with me to see her but he declined doing so as he was very busy but said I might say to her that he had told me to call on her accordingly I went to her house and was shown into her room and very soon told her my business and ~~why I had~~ that I had called at the instance of Dr Williams. She said that she had been thinking of selling some wood (having some that was situated in a remote place and liable to be wasted and indeed was being wasted and having no one to look after it) but had not as yet determined to do so had been looking for her Brother for several days to consult in regard to the wood. asked me what I was paying for wood I told her that I had not bought any and was really not able to tell her what wood was worth but that Mr Sayers had bought from Mr Anderson I

Duncan as agent for judge Cooper the wood
upon judge Coopers farm and that whatever
Sayers gave Duncan I would give her if her
timber was equal to Coopers and that we
could ascertain what that price was she
answered by saying that she was well
acquainted with Mr Duncan he having
married a niece of hers and any price he
might sell Coopers wood at would satisfy
her about this time dinner was announced
I went to Dinner she remaining in her room
when I first arrived at Mrs Martins I found
Mr Webb in the Family room of Mr Gee who
lives with Mrs Martin having rented her farm
after Eating dinner I took a seat in Gee's room
having declined saying any thing more at that time
with Webb in a few moments was sent for
about the wood by her Lawyer Brother
to Mrs Martins room and in very short
time (not 10 minutes) Mr Webb called me into
Mrs Martins room and the conversation
returned in regard to the wood I remarking
to Mr Webb I will tell you Mr Webb what
I said to Mrs Martin repeating the conver
sation had before Dinner she Webb Myself
present Mrs Martin assenting to the State
ment she said that if I bought the wood
she did not want any timber cut that would
make rails as Mr Gee would have to have
some rails made to repair the fences and she

wanted them made over there meaning on
the place I was buying the wood off
she also said she did not want the small
trees cut such as shade trees or saplings
I told her that if she sold me her wood
that I would cut only the timber I bought
and would be as particular with her in
=tirst as my own and remarked that Mr Gee
had better go over and mark such trees as
he desired should be left and I would most
certainly leave them which she said she would
try and get him to do Well Mr Porter she said I
will send for my Brother & consult him about
the matter & let you know in a few days
in the mean time you had better go over
& look at the wood Mr Webb or Mr Gee will
go with you & show it to you We then left
and as we (Webb & myself) were walking along
we agreed that I should call at his house
the next day we would get Gee and go over
& see the wood Webb remarking I think
Porter that you will get the wood I
answered that would be just owing to
Philips notion When I rang the bell the
next day at Webb's door Mr Webb came himself to open the
door and while at the door while I was
getting the snow off my feet said Gee
rode off some when this morning and

has not got home yet after getting in to
the sitting room He remarked I see Gee
riding up now just keep you seat I will
step up & tell him to get his dinner and in
that time we will get a bite to eat and go over
& see the wood in a few minutes he retur
=ried saying that it was not Gee but Dr
Williams that he saw riding up and that
Dr Wms would be here soon Mrs Martin
~~and~~ has concluded to trade with about the
wood and has authorized ~~[illegible]~~ the Dr & my
=self to say to you that you can go to
chopping as soon as you please just
upon the terms spoken of yesterday in
a very few minutes the Dr came in and not
being present the day before repeated the
terms viz price to be the same given by
Sayes to Duncan rail trees & saplins left
well says I ~~it~~ is it necessary for me to
call on Mrs Martin at all about this trade
No Sir was the reply the trade is all
made and you may go to cutting as
soon as you please and the sooner the
better for some persons are cutting her
wood all the time I would add that I
never had known or heard of the tract of
land when I am cutting wood untill Mrs Mar
=tin told me of it the morning I commenced cutting
I called on Gee to go over with me & show me the
lines & timber he did not want cut he said he
could not go to get caffry to show me the lines &
that I knew the kind of timber to leave I called on

Coffry (who is a free coloured man that lives on Mrs Martins land and immediately adjoining the woods sold to me) who went with me & showed me the lines of the land upon which I was to cut the wood I commenced cutting the wood in accordance with that contract and passed through Mrs Martins lots & immediately by her house to & from the choppi-ng every day she knowing that I was ch-opping the wood and after I had been chopping 3 weeks I think most honestly that it is too late for her to complain To all of the above statements I am will-ing to ~~verify~~ to be sworn I suppose I might with propriety add that when I have cut off all the wood on the place I am now cutting Mrs Martin still has a superabundance of timber to keep up her place as long as she & her children after her may live

Rees W Porter

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 1st day of February 1845 at City of Nashville Tenn.

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