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5 Article of Agreement made and entered into
between John Shaw Sub-Agent for Indian Affairs
Upper Sandusky and John Johnston Witness
that said Shaw for and on behalf and for the bene-
fit of the Wyandot Indians hereby leases for the
term of six months from and after the present
day the Grist Mill and Saw mill the property of
said Indians aforesaid at Sandusky on the fol-
lowing terms and conditions, viz, the said Johnston
is to attend and Grind all the Grain and Corn that
the Indians, or whites, ^(for the use of their families only) or mixtures, residing on the Grand
Reservation may bring to said mill Toll Free Indian
always to be served first, the rest, first come first
served except the parties otherwise agree, - all the
Toll which may be received from persons not residing
on the Indian ^{viz. Grand Reserve} lands, shall be divided one half to the
said Johnston, and the other half for the Wyandot Chiefs
for the benefit of the Nation.

All the Logs and Timber which may be brought
to the Saw mill by whites or Indians and sawed by said
Johnston he shall be entitled to one fourth part for
his labour excepting that the said Shaw shall be at
liberty within said term to saw for himself any board
logs or other Timber which may be necessary for his

his own convenience without charge, and agree to furnish to the said Johnston occasionally when they can be spared the use of the Public Oxen to haul logs to the Mill. — and the said Johnston may at all other times within said term of Six months take from the Indian lands at his own expense any Timber which may be found fallen and not wanted for any particular purpose — also any Standing Timber which may not be reserved by any of the Indians on land where they are about to clear and saw them into boards Plank or Scantling and shall ^{be} entitled to one half for his labour, to be divided in any manner which may be agreed on between him and the Agent.

Any small repairs which may be necessary about said Mills is to be done by said Johnston free of charge.

Said Johnston is under no Circumstances to grind or Chop grain for Distillation — and those who endeavour to evade this regulation either for themselves or others are to be prohibited from getting Grinding done at the Mill afterward.

Any of our Citizens who come to the Mills are to demean themselves peaceably and in no shape to interfere with the Indian Department — no visiting or drinking of Spirituous liquors is to be permitted at said Johnston in or about the Mills, excepting when

he may require a little occasionally himself as a medicine only, and then used with the utmost secrecy.

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