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The top of the document reads, "We the undersigned, Prisoners of War, do give our parole of honor that we will not take up arms again, nor serve as military police or constabulary force in any fort, garrison or field-work, nor as guards of prisons depots or stores, nor to discharge any duty usually performed by soldiers, nor will we give any information, nor do any act that may be injurious to the Confederate States, until exchanged under the provisions of the Cartel entered into July 22, 1862."

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