

**Consent to Apprenticeship of Richard Pike 1819**

Devon To Wit. – Whereas, Richard Pike a Poor Child, aged nine Years, belonging to the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the said County of Devon, hath, this Day, been brought before us, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the said County, by John Hortop and Thomas Phear Overseers of the Poor for the said Parish of Bratton Clovelly pursuant to the provisions of an Act, passed in the 56<sup>th</sup> Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to Regulate the binding of Parish Apprentices," to the intent that we might enquire into the propriety of binding the said Richard Pike Apprentice to William Phear of Bratton Clovelly in the said County of Devon, to whom it is proposed, by the said Overseers, to bind the said Richard Pike

We, the said Justices, upon particular consideration and enquiry, think it proper that the said Richard Pike should be bound Apprentice to the said William Phear and do declare, that the said William Phear is a fit Person to whom the said Richard Pike may be properly bound as an Apprentice, and order that the said Overseers shall be at liberty to bind the said Richard Pike accordingly.

Given under our Hands, this sixth Day of October in the Year of our Lord 1819 [Signed] Arthur Kelly  
Calmady P Hamlyn