Consent to Apprenticeship of John Martin 1831

Devon to wit — Whereas John Martin 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 William Baker and Richard Down Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Bratton Clovelly pursuant to the Provisions of an Act, passed in the 56th year of the Reign of King George the Third, intitled "An Act to regulate the binding of Parish Apprentices," to the intent that we might enquire into the Propriety of binding the said John Martin Apprentice to James Curry of the said parish of Bratton Clovelly in the said Count of Devon to whom it is proposed by the said Overseers to bind the said John Martin and it appearing to us, the said Justices, upon due examination and enquiry, to be proper that the said John Martin should be bound Apprentice to the said James Curry we, the said Justices, do hereby declare, that the said James Curry is a fit person to whom the said John Martin may be properly bound as an Apprentice; and do hereupon order, that the said Overseers shall be at liberty to bind the said John Martin accordingly. Given under our Hands this [?] Day of December in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty one. [Signed] J. D. I. Fortescue J. P. Carpenter

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