

Apprenticeship Indenture John Smale 1794

This Indenture, made the Thirteenth Day of July in the thirty ninth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the Year of our Lord 1794 Witnesseth that William Baker Church-Warden of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon And Roger Hortop and Thomas Veal Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish by and with the Consent of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County whose Names are hereunto subscribed, have put and placed, and by these Presents do put and place John Smale aged Nine Years or thereabouts, a poor Child of the said Parish Apprentice to Richard Down for an Estate Called Langworthy with him to dwell and serve from the Day of the Date of these Presents, until the said Apprentice shall accomplish his full Age of twenty one Years according to the Statute in that Case made and provided: During all which Term, the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully shall serve in all lawful Business, according to his Power, Wit, and Ability; and honestly, orderly and obediently, in all Things demean and behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term. And the said Richard Down for himself, his Executors and Administrators doth covenant and grant to and with the said Church-Wardens and Overseers, and every of them, their and every of their Executors and Administrators, and their and every of their Successors, for the Time being, by these Presents, that he the said Richard Down the said Apprentice in Husbandry shall and will teach, and instruct, or cause to be taught in the best way and manner that he can And shall and will, during all the Term aforesaid, find, provide, and allow unto the said Apprentice, meet, competent, and sufficient Meat, Drink and Apparel, Lodging, Washing and other Things necessary and fit for an Apprentice: (Provided always, that the said last mentioned Covenant on the said Richard Down his Executors and Administrators, to be done and performed, shall continue and be in force no longer Time than for Three Calendar Months next after the Death of the said Richard Down in case the said Richard Down shall happen to die during the Continuance of such Apprenticeship, according to the provisions of an Act passed in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled, "An Act for the further Regulation of Parish Apprentices.") And also shall and will so provide for the said Apprentice, that he be not any way a Charge to the said Parish, or Parishioners of the same: but of and from all Charge shall and will save the said Parish and Parishioners harmless and indemnified during the said Term:

In Witness whereof, the Parties abovesaid to these present Indentures interchangeably have set their Hands and Seals, the Day and Year first above written. [signed] Richard Down

Sealed and delivered in the presence of [signed] John Hortop Elizabeth Baker

We whose Names are here under-written, Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid (whereof one is of the Quorum) Do consent to the putting forth the said John Smale an Apprentice according to the Intent and Meaning of the above Indenture. [signed] Wrey J'Ans Arthur Kelly