

Apprenticeship Indenture Margaret Smallacombe 1801

This Indenture, made the Ninth Day of April in the forty first 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 One thousand Eight Hundred and one Witnesseth that William Baker Church-Warden of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon And John Jackman and Rich[ar]d Peard 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 Margaret Smallacombe a poor Child of the said Parish, Apprentice to William Matter for Little Borough with him to dwell and serve from the Day of the Date of these Presents, until the said Apprentice shall accomplish her full Age of twenty one Years or Day of Marriage according to the Statute in that Case made and provided. During all which Term the said Apprentice her said Master faithfully shall serve in all lawful Business, according to her Power, Wit, and Ability; and honestly, orderly and obediently, in all Things demean and behave herself towards her said Master and all his during the said Term. And the said William Matter 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 the said William Matter the said Apprentice in Housewifry work shall teach or cause to be taught 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 all other Things necessary and fit for an Apprentice. 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: Provided always, that the said last Covenant, on the Part of the said William Matter 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 William Matter in case he the said William Matter 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." In Witness whereof, the Parties abovesaid to these present Indentures, interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals, the Day and Year abovementioned. [signed] William Metter

Sealed and delivered in the presence of [signed] Samuel Hether sether John Abbot

We whose Names are subscribed, Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, one being of the Quorum, do consent to the putting forth of the abovesaid Margaret Smallacombe Apprentice, according to the Intent and Meaning of the above Indenture. [signed] Arthur Kelly John Cudlippe

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