

Apprenticeship Indenture Thomas Dawe 1830

This Indenture made the Tenth Day of February in the First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty Witnesseth, That in Pursuance and in execution of an Order under the Hands of William Arundell Harris Arundell and John Dicker Inglett Fortescue Esquires two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the County of Devon bearing even date herewith (testified by their allowance hereof.) John Hatch and William Martin Churchwardens of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon and Richard Burrow and Henry Skelly Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, have put and placed and by these presents do put and place Thomas Dawe aged 9 Years and upwards, a poor Child of the said Parish, Apprentice to William Hortop of the said Parish Yeoman 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 William Hortop for himself, his Executors and Administrators, doth covenant and grant to and with the said Churchwardens 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 William Hortop the said Apprentice in Husbandry shall and will teach and instruct, or cause to be taught and instructed 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 all other Things necessary and fit for an Apprentice: Provided always, that the last mentioned Covenant on the part and behalf of the said William Hortop his Executors and Administrators, to be done and performed shall continue and be in force for no longer time than Three Calender Months next after the death of the said William Hortop in case the said William Hortop 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 of another Act passed in the Fifty Sixth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled "An Act to regulate the Binding 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 of Bratton Clovelly or Parishioners of the same; but of and from all charge shall and will save the said Parish 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 above written. [Signed] W[illia]m Hortop

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in the Presence of [Signed] William Simming[?]

We whose names are hereunder written, and seals affixed, Justices of the Peace for the County of Devon aforesaid, (whereof one is of the Quorum,) do consent to the putting forth Thomas Dawe an Apprentice, according to the intent and meaning of this Indenture; and do sign this our allowance of such Indenture of Apprenticeship before the same hath been executed by any of the other parties thereto, in pursuance of the statute in that case made and provided. [Signed] W. A. H. Arundell J. D. I. Fortescue

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