

Apprenticeship Indenture John Martin 1831

This Indenture made the twenty sixth Day of December in the 2d Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord William 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 one. Witnesseth, That in Pursuance and in execution of an Order under the Hands of John Dicker Inglett Fortescue Esquire and Phillipps Carpenter, Clerk 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.) William Martin and Thomas Shapland Churchwardens of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the County of Devon and William Baker and Richard Down Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, have put and placed and by these presents do put and place John Martin aged nine Years and upwards, a poor Child of the said Parish Apprentice to James Curry 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 James Curry 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 James Curry the said Apprentice in good 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 James Curry 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 James Curry in case the said James Curry 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] James Cory

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in the Presence of [Signed] W[illia]m Mare

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 John Martin 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] J. D. I. Fortescue J. P. Carpenter

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