

Apprenticeship Indenture Thomas Lock 1832

This Indenture, made the twenty fourth Day of September in the fourth 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 two Witnesseth, That in Pursuance and Execution of an Order under the Hands and Seals of William Arundel Harris Arundel 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 (made according to the Provisions of an Act passed in the Fifty-sixth year of the Reign of King George III, intituled "An Act to regulate the binding of Parish Apprentices," William Baker and William Martyn Churchwardens of the Parish of Bratton Clovelly in the said County

And James Cory and Roger Palmer Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, have put and placed, and, by these Presents, do put and place Thomas Lock aged ten Years and upwards, a poor Child of the said Parish of Bratton Clovelly Apprentice to William Alford 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 Alford 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 Alford the said Apprentice, in the Art of Husbandry shall and will teach and instruct, or cause to be taught and instructed in the best Way and Manner that he can during the said Term.

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 Alford 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 Alford in case the said William Alford 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 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.

Sealed and delivered in the Presence of [Signed] William Baker William Martyn Roger Palmer James Cory

We, the Justices of the Peace abovesaid, whose Names and Seals are here-under written and affixed (whereof one is of the Quorum) do consent to and allow the putting forth of the abovesaid Thomas Lock Apprentice, according to the Intent and Meaning of this Indenture, [Signed] W. A. H. Arundel J. D. I. Fortescue

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