This indenture made the 7th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two Between Abraham Byrd overseer of the poor of the first district of the county of Rockingham of the one part and John Huffman of said county of the other witnesseth that the said Abraham Byrd overseers of the poor as aforesaid by virtue of an order of the court of the aforesaid county baring date the 15th od September 1842 have put placed and bound and by these presents do put place and bind Alaxander Johnston a free boy of coulor aged of ten years to be an apprentice with him the said John Huffman and as an apprentice with him the said John Huffman to dwell from the date of these presents until the said Alaxander Johnston shall attain the age of twentyone years. According to the act of the General Assembly in that case made and provided By and during all which time and term the said Alaxander Johnston shall the said John Huffman his master well and faithfully serve in all such lawfull business as the said Alaxander Johnston shall be out unto be his master according to the power wit and ability of him the said Alaxander Johnston and honestly and obediently in all things shall behave himself towards his master and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the family of the said John Huffman and the said John Huffman for his part for himself his executors and administrators doth hereby promis and covenant to and with the said overseers of the poor and every of them there and every of there executors and administrators and there and every of there successors for the time being and to and with the said Alaxander Johnston that he the said John Huffman shall instruct the said Alaxander Johnston the arte of agriculture or farming business after the best manner in your power and that the said John Huffman also find and allow unto the said apprentice sufficient meat drink apperrel washing lodging and all other things needful or nect for an apprentice during the term aforesaid and also that the said John Huffman shall pay to the said overseers of the poor or there successors for Angeline Johnston the mother of the said boy seventy two dollars and seventy three cents in annual payments of seven dollars and seventy three cents per year for ten years and will moreover pay the said Alaxander Johnston the sum of seven dollars and seventy three cents at the expiration of the aforesaid term In witness whereof the parties have interchangeably set their hands and seals to these presents the day and year first above written