This indenture made the 9th day of May in the year 1818 between Richard P Fletcher one of the overseers of the poor for the west district of the county of Rockingham of the one part and Malchia Brannaman of the county aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said overseer of the poor in pursuance of an order of the court of said county of Rockingham made at October court 1814 doth put and bind Elizabeth Strough poor child of Jacob Strough four years old the 4th day of October 1814 as an apprentice to the said Machia Brannaman with him to dwell and serve after the manner of an apprentice until she shall arrive to the age of eighteen years to learn the art and mystery of housewifery to wit cooking spinning knitting and sewing during said term also to teach or cause to be taught her reading and writing completely during said term In consideration of which the said Brannaman binds himself to the said Richard P Flether or his successors in office to find the said Elizabeth Strough in good and sufficient meat drink washing lodging and apparel during said term fit and convenient for such apprentice and at the end of said term to pay the said Elizabeth twenty dollars In witness whereof the said overseer of the poor and the said Malchia Brannaman have hereunto set their hands and sealed on the day and year first above written

Signed sealed and del. In presence of