

This indenture witnesseth that I Matt Lair one of the overseers of the poor of the parish of Rockingham County and state of Virginia and district of Harrisonburgh by an order of the court of said county at the August court one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine hath and by these presents doth put and bind John Dolton at the age of sixteen years old the first day of September last past an apprentice to William Cravens or his heirs of the same parish to serve him his secrets keep his lawful commands gladly everywhere obey he shall do no damage to his said master nor suffer it to be done by others. He shall neither buy nor sell nor commit fornication nor contract matrimony nor play at cards dice or any other unlawful game with his own goods or the goods of others whereby his master may have damage. Nor haunt alehouses, or taverns, or playhouses. He shall not waste his masters goods or lend them unlawfully to any. Nor absent himself night nor day from his masters service without leave. But in all things behave himself as a faithful servant and apprentice ought to do

In consideration whereof the said master shall provide and procure sufficient meat drink washing lodging and apparel fitting for such an apprentice during the term and teach the said apprentice to read the Bible perfectly and to write a legible hand and cypher to the rule of three and said master shall do his utmost endeavour to instruct the said apprentice in the art and mystery of a weaver trade or cause it to be done. And at the expiration of said term shall pay or cause to be paid unto the said apprentice the sum of three pounds ten shillings and one good suit of clothes exclusive of wearing apparel. In witness whereof each party bind themselves unto the other interchangeably sealed with their seals this 22nd day of February one thousand seven hundred and ninety

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Anthony Rader Robert Cravens