

**THIS INDENTURE**

MADE THE *fifth* day of *December* in the year of our Lord 18*31* Between

*William West* one of the Overseer of the Poor of the *North West* District in the County of Rockingham of the one part and *Polley Moore* of the other part witnesseth, that the said Overseer of the Poor by virtue of an Order of the Court of the County aforesaid bearing date the *fifth* day of *December* in the year 18*31* has placed and bound and by these presents doth place and bind *Madison* ~~free black boy~~ of the age of *sixteen* years ~~old~~ *the 7<sup>th</sup> year* of *April* to be an Apprentice with ~~him~~ <sup>his</sup> the said *Polley Moore* - and as an Apprentice with ~~him~~ <sup>his</sup> the said *Polley Moore* - to dwell from the date of these presents, until the said ~~Madison~~ shall arrive, and come to the age of *twenty one* years, according to the Act of the General Assembly in that case made and provided For and during all which time and term the said ~~Madison~~ shall the said *Polley Moore* his *Said Mistress* well and faithfully serve in all such lawful Business as the said ~~Madison~~ *free Negro* shall be put unto by his said *mis Polley Moore* according to the Power, Wit and Ability of the said ~~Madison~~ and the said ~~Madison~~ <sup>her</sup> honestly and obediently in all things be- have towards the said *Polley Moore* his *Mis* and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the Family of ~~him~~ the said *Polley Moore* And the said *Polley Moore* his *Mistress* for ~~himself~~ <sup>himself</sup> his Executors and Administrators doth hereby promise and covenant to and with the said Overseer of the Poor and his Successor in office for the time being, that the said Apprentice shall in the Craft, Mystery and Occupation of *A farmer* - which she the said *Polley Moore* shall ~~now~~ <sup>now</sup> useth, after the best manner that she can, or may teach, instruct, and inform, or cause to be taught, instructed and informed, as much as thereunto belongeth, or in any wise appertaineth, and that she the said *Polley Moore* - shall also find and allow unto the said Apprentice sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging, and all other things needful or meet, for an Apprentice during the term aforesaid: And also that the said *Polley Moore* shall ~~teach, or cause to be taught to the~~ <sup>teach, or cause to be taught to the</sup> ~~Rule of Three,~~ <sup>Reading, Writing, and Common Arithmetic including the</sup> and will moreover pay to the said ~~Madison~~ the Sum of *twenty Dollars* Dollars at the Expiration of the aforesaid term.

IN WITNESS whereof the Parties to these Presents have interchangably set their Hands and Seals the Day and Year above written.

Signed, Sealed, & Delivered  
in the Presence of

*Mildred Hughes*  
*James Gaing*

*Mary Moore*  
*William West*

Abdison a free boy

To

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Mary Moore

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