

This indenture witnesseth that I Jacob Rife one of the overseers of the poor for the county of Rockingham and State of Virginia do put and bind John Callahan son of John Callahan of the county and state aforesaid, agreeable to an order of court dated July, to Joseph Cratzier of the county and state aforesaid and after the manner of an apprentice to serve the said Joseph Cratzier from the day of the Date hereof for and during the full end and term of eight years and eight months next ensuing. During all which term the said apprentice his said master faithfully shall serve his secrets keep, his lawful commands everywhere readily obey, he shall do no damage to his said master, nor see it to be done by others, without [illegible] or giving notice thereof to his said master he shall not waste his said masters goods, nor lend them unlawfully to any he shall not commit fornication nor contract matrimony within the said term. He shall not play cards, dice, and any other unlawful game, whereby by his said master may have damage. This his own goods, nor the goods of others without license from his said master. She shall neither buy nor sell, he shall not absent himself day nor night from his said masters service without his leave; Nor haunt alehouses, taverns, or playhouses, but in all things behave himself as a faithfull apprentice ought to do. During the said term, and the said master shall use the utmost of his [illegible] to teach or cause to be taught or instruct the said apprentice in the trade or mystery of tanning and currying and procure and provide for him sufficient meat, drink, apparel, lodging, fitting for an apprentice during the said term, to give him English lurning as the law may require in [illegible] with on the said term, and at the expiration of said term to give him a good freedom suit with his old clothes with twenty dollars in [illegible] And for the true performance of all and [illegible] the covenants and agreements aforesaid the said parties bind themselves each unto the others firmly by these presents.

In witness thereof, the said parties have set their hands and seals here unto dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.