

This indenture made the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Feb 1820 between John Coffman overseer of the poor in the county of Rockingham and commonwealth of Virginia of the one part and Abraham Knave of the county and commonwealth aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that John Coffman Overseer of the poor as aforesaid by virtue of an order of county of Rockingham bearing date November term 1819 have placed and bound and by these presents do put place and bind James Lowry a free boy of colour of the age of 16 years the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October last to be an apprentice with him the said Abraham Knave to dwell from the date of these presents until the said James Lowry shall come to the age of Twenty one 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 James Lowry shall the said Abraham Knave his said master well and faithfully serve in all such lawful business as the said James Lowry shall be put unto by his said master according to the power wit and ability of him the said James Lowry and honestly and obediently in all things shall behave himself towards his said master and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the family of the said Abraham Knave and the said Abraham Knave for his part for himself his Ex. And Administrators doth hereby promise and covenant to and with the overseer of the poor and every of them their and every of their Ex and Adm and their and every of their successors for the time being and to and with the said James Lowry that he the said Abraham Knave shall the said James Lowry in the craft mystery and occupation of a Blacksmith which he the said Abraham Knave now useth after the best manner that he can or may teach instruct and inform or cause to be taught instructed or informed as much as there unto belongeth or in any wise ascertaineth and that the said Abraham Knave shall find and allow unto the said apprentice sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging, and all the things needful for an apprentice during the term aforesaid and also that the said Abraham Knave shall moreover pay to the said James Lowry the sum of twenty dollars at the expiration of his aforesaid term as his freedom dues in Witness whereof the parties of these presents have interchangeably set their hands the day and year first above written