

Indenture for Leonard Bowles - East Knoyle 1697

LES,
WARD



His Indenture

made the first day of November in the ninth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord William the third by the Grace of GOD of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoq; Dom. 1697. Witnesseth, That Nicholas Brown and John Smonds in the County of Wiltshire And Robert Dutton the Younger Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, by and with the Consent of his Majesties Justices of the Peace, for the said County of Wiltshire whose Names are hereunto subscribed, have put and placed, and by these Presents do put and place Leonard Bowles a poor Child of the said Parish, Apprentice to John Smonds of Cricklade in the County aforesaid, Broadweaver with him to dwell and serve from the day of the Date of these Presents, until the said Apprentice shall accomplish his full Age of twenty years according to the Statute in that case made and provided; During all which term, the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully shall serve in all lawful Businesses, according to his Power, Wit and Ability; and honestly, orderly and obediently, in all things demean and behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term. And the said John Smonds for himself, his Executors and Administrators, doth Covenant and Grant to and with the said Church-Wardens and Overseers, and every of them, their and every of their Executors and Administrators, and their and every of their Successors, for the time being, by these Presents, That the said John Smonds the said Apprentice in his due Manner or Occupation of a Broadweaver which he now useth shall and will heart and content And shall and will, during all the term aforesaid, find, provide and allow unto the said Apprentice, meet, competent and sufficient Meat, Drink and Apparel, Lodging, Washing, and all other things necessary and fit for an Apprentice. And also shall and will so provide for the said Apprentice, that he be not any way a charge to the said Parish, or Parishioners of the same; but of and from all charge, shall and will save the said Parish and Parishioners harmless and indemnified during the said term. And at the end of the said term, shall and will make, provide, allow and deliver unto the said Apprentice double Apparel of all sorts, good and new, (that is to say) a good new Suit for the Holy-days, and another for the Working-days. In Witness whereof, the Parties aforesaid to these present Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals the day and year above-written.

Scaled and Delivered
in the Presence of

John Burd
Robt. Dutton

WE whose Names are subscribed, Justices of the Peace of the County aforesaid, do consent to the putting forth of the aforesaid Leonard Bowles as Apprentice, according to the intent and meaning of the Indenture aforesaid.

John Smith



William the third
Robt. Dutton
John Burd