

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



This Indenture Witnesseth,

That *John Barrett, William Phillips, Benjamin Desbears, William Whitwell, William Greenleaf, William White, John Everett, John Gore, Sam Partridge, Sam Whitwell, Samuel Abbot, Daniel Waldo* Gentlemen

Overseers of the Poor of the Town of *Boston* in the County of *Suffolk* in *New England*, by and with the Consent of two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for said County, Have placed and by these Presents do place and bind out *a poor Child named Anthony Haswell* unto *Isaiah Thomas of Boston aforesaid Printer & Mary his wife & their heirs*

and with *them* after the Manner of an Apprentice to Dwell and Serve, from the Day of the Date of these Presents, until the *sixth* day of *April* the year of our Lord *One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy-seven* at which time if the said apprentice should be living he will arrive to the age of *Twenty One* Years

During which all said Time or Term, the said Apprentice *his* said Master & *Mistress* well and faithfully shall Serve, *their* Secrets he shall keep close, *their* Commandments lawful and honest every where he shall gladly obey : he shall do no Damage to *his* said Master & *Mistress*, nor suffer it to be done by others, without letting or giving seasonable Notice thereof to *his* said Master & *Mistress* he shall not waste the Goods of *his* said Master & *Mistress* nor lend them unlawfully to any : At Cards, Dice, or any other unlawful Game or Games he shall not play : Fornication he shall not commit : Matrimony *during* the said term he shall not contract : Taverns

Ale-Houses, or Places of Gaming he shall not haunt or frequent : From the Service of *his* said Master & *Mistress* by Day nor Night he shall not absent *him* self; but in all Things and at all Times, he shall carry and behave *himself* towards *his* said Master & *Mistress* and all *theirs* as a good and faithful Apprentice ought to do *to his utmost ability*

during all the Time or Term aforesaid. And the said Master doth hereby Consent and Agree, *for himself his wife & heirs to teach the said Apprentice or cause him to be taught (if capable of learning) the Art Trade or Mystery of a Printer Also to Read Write and Cypher*

And also shall and will, well and truly find, allow unto, and provide for the said Apprentice, sufficient and wholesome Meat and Drink, with Washing, Lodging, *Clothing*

and other Necessaries meet and convenient for such an Apprentice, during all the Time or Term aforesaid : And at the End and Expiration thereof shall *Dismiss the Apprentice with Two good suits of Wearing Apparel fitting for all parts of his Body, one for Lords Days the other for Working Days suitable to his degree*

In Testimony Whereof the said Parties have to these Indentures interchangeably set their Hands and Seals, the *Twenty third* Day of *July* In the *Seventh* Year of Our Sovereign Lord *George the Third* of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, KING, &c. Annoque Domini, One Thousand Seven Hundred and *Seventy One*.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
in Presence of

Recreated based on actual 1771 Indenture of Anthony Haswell of Boston, Massachusetts