

Liber B Whearupon M^r Joseph Harrisson Confeseth a iudgment for fifteen hundered Pounds of tobacco It is thearfor Ordered that Samuell Palmer pay unto the Plantiue fifteen hundered pounds of tobacco with Cost and Charge of suit:

M^r Arthur Turner beeing summoned to giue a Reason why the orphant John Ward hath bin so ill treated in his hows in so much that the voyce of the People Crieth shame thearat and also to bring the sayd Ward and his indentur to the Court with him all which accordingly hear wear Produced: Videlicet

The sayd Ward with a most Rotton filthy stincking Ulserated Ledge that euen loathed all the beholders thearof his apparrell beeing all ragged and torne and his haer seemed to bee rotted of with Ashes whos indentur is as followeth:

[p. 193] This indentur maed the twentieth day of Aprill in the year of our Lord God one thowsand six hundered fifty too between Arthur Turnor of the one Partie and John Ward on the other Party witnesseth that the sayd John Ward doth hearby Couenant and grant to and with the sayd Arthur Turnor his Executors and Assignes from the day of the daet hearof for and during the tearme of time untill I the sayd John bee at the age of twenty years to sarue in such saruice and imployment as the sayd Arthur Turnor shall him imploy in Consideration whearof the sayd Arthur turnor doth Couenant and grant to and with the sayd Ward to find and allow him meat drincke and apparrell and lodging with other nessarys during the sayd tearme and at the end of the sayd tearme to pay unto him doble apparrell three barrells of Corne a Cow and a sow with fifty Acres of land and if in Case the sayd Arthur Cannot bring the sayd John to Reading in the time of his saruice then the sayd Arthur doth Couenant and bind himself to teach the sayd John the traed of a Cooper or a Carpinder in witnes the partys aboue mentioned to thees indenturs haue interchangably set thear hands and seals the day and year aboue written

Sealed seigned and deliuered
in the Presence of us
henry O Cocks
William Wilkison

Arthur Turnor O
John 3 Ward
his marke O

[p. 194] John Neuill sworne and Examined in open Court sayeth that hee knew John Ward Euer since hee Came into the Cuntrie which is seauenteen years agoe and that hee was then to his iudgment about four or fue years old and further sayeth not

M^r William Marshall declares upon oath that to the best of his iudgment John ward was about nine or ten years old when hee cam to M^r Turnor