

after I left them I was employed as a Sawyer by one Richard West on Timber Creek and after 4 or 5 Months made an Agreement with one John Steelman at the Mouth of that Creek to go in his Flat when I left him I engaged myself to one Ebenezer Empson, and served him in the same Capacity, in about 4 Months I quitted him and returned again to Pensilvania, and worked in the Neighbourhood where my Father in Law lived two or three Months, I afterwards went in a Shallop of one William Aldmans 5 or 6 Months, and when I left him I came down again to Baltimore County, there I worked two Months or more with my old Master (Jerrard) and afterwards with my Brothers in Law, Richard Blood, Joseph Butler and Joshua Amos. In the ffall of the year 1753 I went thence to Virginia, and worked there three or four Weeks with one Thomas Cartmill who lives about 15 Miles beyond Winchester, from his plantation I travelled to one John Tipton's on Cedar Creek, and was employed by him to grub a piece of Land, In February 1754: I left him with an Intention to return again to Baltimore County, but meeting at Winchester with one M^r W^m Frost I was engaged by him to dress a quantity of Flax, which I did in about a Month, and then I took leave of Virginia, and came to Baltimore County where I spent all the ensuing Summer, labouring some time for Richard Blood, then with one M^c-Donald or Donaloon a Fuller, and for some Days with Darby Tool a Shoemaker who has but one Leg, when he had no more Business for me I engaged to grub and tussock a piece of Meadow for Jos: Renshaw, who lives about a Mile from Ashmore's Mill, and entred into Bond for the due performance of my Contract within a certain limited time while I was making this Meadow I married Elizabeth the Daughter of one William Deale who dwelt at that time in the Stony Forrest, near Jacob Bull's Mill, but she lived as a Servant with one John Darumple on a plantation that he rented of John Swinyard, and that lies near Abraham Jerrards; for about 3 Months I laboured hard in hopes of being able to make the Meadow according to Agreement, but finding it impossible at the End of that time & Renshaw at the same time threatning me with the penalty of the Bond I went off to York town in pensilvania, and Lieutenant Miller a tall Gentleman somewhat advanced in Years being recruiting there I was inlisted by him for Captain Clark's Company, and was soon after sent to Fort Cumberland Colonel Innes was then Commander in chief at that Fort, and Captain Rutherford commanded under him, I was there when your Excellency arrived just before Christmas but was then meditating my Escape being determined to return (if possible)

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