

Resolutions of the Judges of Assizes. 1633.

1. *Quest.* Whether the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish, with assent of two Justices of the Peace; one being of the *Quorum*, may by the Statute of 43 *Eliz. cap. 2.* or any Law inforce a Parishioner of the same Parish to take a Child of a poor Parishioner of the same Parish, who is not able to keep his said Child to be an Apprentice?

Of Inforcing persons able to take Apprentices *Resol.* The Statute of 43 *Eliz.* which saith, That the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Parish shall put out Children to be Apprentices, necessarily implyeth, That such as are fit must receive Apprentices, and the putting out of poor Children to be Apprentices, is one of the best ways for the providing for the Poor. 43 El. c. 2.

Of giving Mony with Apprentices 2. *Qu.* If they may, then whether they must not give Mony with him, and who shall determine what Mony shall be given with him if the Party that is to take such an Apprentice, and the Church-wardens and Overseers cannot agree thereupon?

Resol. There is no necessity that Mony must be given, but that must be left to the discretion of the Church-wardens, and Overseers, all circumstances of Age and Ability being considered; and if they cannot agree with the Party, then the Justices of Peace near adjoining, or in their default, the Sessions of Peace are to determine these Controversies.

What persons are bound to entertain Apprentices 3. *Qu.* Whether a Knight, Gentleman, Clergy-man, or Yeoman, or one that is a Sojourner, using Husbandry, Cloathing, or Grasing, or the like; may be inforced to take such an Apprentice?

Resol. Every Man who is by Calling, or Profession, or manner of Living, that entertaineth, and must have the use of other Servants of the like quality, must entertain such Apprentices, wherein discretion must be given upon due consideration of Circumstances.

4. *Qu.* Whether a wealthy Man keeping few or no Servants, nor wanting a Servant, but living privately, may be forced to take such an Apprentice; if not; then whether he may be taxed towards the putting forth of such an Apprentice?

Apprentices when to be put unto other Parishes. *Resol.* For the receiving of such Apprentices, the Answer may be referred to the Question next before; but out of doubt every such person must contribute to the charge, as to other charges for the provision for the Poor.

5. *Qu.* Whether they may inforce a Parishioner that is of one Parish, to take such a Child Apprentice, that is of another Parish, but within the same County or Division, if the proper Parish be not able to provide for the Children of the same Parish?

Resol. The Justices may provide Masters for them in other Parishes within the same Hundred; if the same Hundred be not able, than out of that Hundred in the rest of that County; as for other Provision for the Poor, which must be at a Quarter Sessions.

Persons refusing to take such Apprentices 6. *Qu.* If such a Parishioner may be inforced to take such an Apprentice, and shall refuse not only to take such an Apprentice, but also refuse to be bound to appear at the next Quarter Sessions, or Assizes, what shall be done to him?

Resol. If any refuse, let such a one be bound over to the next Sessions or