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January the 13: Anno Domini 1691

The Court here appeared. These Commissioners following. viz
Wm Francis. Court Esq: May Esq: R. King M. James Round.
~~John Smith~~ and Wm Stephen. Horsy — But for want of more
Commissioners. the Justices above specified. did adjourn the Court till the 20th of March
but before the said adjournment. came the grand Jurors for the County to tender the
presentments by them made. but for reasons above said. were required to lay them up, and deliver
them to the Clerk of the Court which was done accordingly.

And the said Witnesses testify that George Davis Son of the deceased Lewis Davis late of this County Esq: or Governor &
Governor of Maryland Planter, of my free and voluntary will with Consent of my Mother Mary Davis Widow. hath put my
self apprentice to Samuel Johnson of this County and Governor aforesaid Planter in his employment which is now used
as Planter to be taught, and with him after the manner of an apprentice to dwell & serve from this present day until he come
to age which is twenty one years of age, by all whose Terms of years the said apprentice the said Samuel Johnson will
and truly shall serve, his servants shall keep close his Commandments lawfull Obedience every where he shall gladly do, hurt to
his said Master he shall not do, nor suffer to be done to the value of twelve pence by the year, but shall do it if he may
or else immediately admonish his said Master thereof the goods of his said Master he shall not inordinately waste nor
them to any body but at dice or any other unlawfull game he shall not play, where by his Master may incur any hurt
or diminution in the name of his said Master or else where he shall not commit, Matrimony he shall not contract, Laborus
he shall not frequent, with his own proper goods or any others during the said Term without the special by word
of his Master, he shall not borrow money from the servants of his said Master day nor more, he shall not absent or plough
himself, but in all things be a good and faithfull apprentice, shall bear & behave himself towards his said Master and
Mistress and all this during the term aforesaid and the said Samuel Johnson to the said apprentice, the debt or friends of
a Planter which he now useth he shall pay and inform or cause to be taught or informed the best way that he may or can
and also shall cause the said apprentice to read the Bible or other English Book, and to give unto the said apprentice one good
sufficient Cow and Calfs betwixt four and seven year old to be delivered unto him for the proper use & benefit of the said apprentice
when the said apprentice comes and is at the age of ten years old, and also shall find to the said apprentice apparel in coat & drink &
Lodging and bedding and all other necessary needs & conveniences for an apprentice for and during the term aforesaid all which
the said apprentice, with Consent of his Mother, of his own free & voluntary will, binds himself to the aforesaid Samuel Johnson &
his Heirs. In witness whereof, we have interchangably set to our hands & seals this thirteenth day of January Anno
Domini 1691.

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I signed sealed & delivered in presence of us
Thomas Smith }
Robert Harris }
George Davis his mark & seal
Mary Davis his mark & seal
Samuel Johnson. — & seal
Entered this 13 day of Janry Anno Domini 1691 by John Smith Clerk of the Court Esq: &
& Clerk of Samuel Johnson.