

Patrick Mathewson
pet^r

To the Worshipful Justices of Somerset County now in Court sitting the humble petition
of Patrick Mathewson is to shew That whereas Your petitioner by the Infirmitie of sick-

ness and Old age are almost Reduced to poverty so that pray your worships would take it into consideration that I have
paid Taxes in the County this forty Years and Exempt your petitioner from paying Taxes any longer which favour
will ever engage your petitioner to pray.

The petition aforesaid being read and heard and fully understood It is considered by the Court here that the said
Patrick Mathewson be discharged from paying of Taxes for the future as by the petition aforesaid is said and that he
be allowed One pound of tobacco as an Exalt &c

James Neal appointed Overseer in the place and stead of William Gray in nantwike hundred for the ensuing
Year &c

Michael Cifton
bound out to
George Cifton J^r.

Michael Cifton an Orphan aged seventeen Years the nineteenth day of this Instant
is bound out by the Court here an apprentice according to act of parliament in such case made and
provided unto George Cifton J^r house Carpenter until he arriv at the age of Twenty One Year
the said apprentice to serve his said Master the full term aforesaid during which term the said apprentice his said Mas-
ter well and faithfully he shall serve his secrets Keep his Commandments Lawfully and honestly every where willing by
he shall doe and in all things as a good and faithful apprentice shall demean himself towards his said Master and all
his during the term aforesaid

In Consideration of which Service the said George Cifton present heron Court in
his proper person Covenanteth with the Justices of the same Court in Court Individually sitting in manner and form follow-
ing that is to say that he the said George Cifton J^r shall and will during the Term aforesaid Learn his said apprentice
the Trade of a house Carpenter and give him six months Schooling and Likewise provide for his said apprentice meat
drink washing Lodging and Cloathing sufficient for such an apprentice to have and wear during the term aforesaid

Whereupon the said George Cifton is Ordered by the Court here to give Security for to comply with the
Covenants aforesaid Thereupon the said George Cifton J^r with aforesaid John Goddard of Somerset County

planter his Security both present heron Court in their proper persons acknowledged themselves Indebted unto the said
Michael Cifton in the full and Just Sum of fifty pounds current money of Maryland of their Bodies goods
or Chattels Lands or Tenements Joyntly or Severally to be made and Levied to the Use of the said Michael
Cifton his his Executors administrators or assigns In Case the said George Cifton J^r doe not during the
Term aforesaid Learn his said apprentice the Trade of a house Carpenter, and do not give him six months
Schooling, and doe not provide for his said apprentice meat drink washing Lodging and Cloathing sufficient
for such an apprentice to have and wear during the term aforesaid &c