

## Original Documents.

### INDENTURE OF APPRENTICESHIP, TEMP. RIC. II.

WE print this ancient Indenture of Apprenticeship not only because it is probably one of the oldest existing, but on account of its great peculiarity in containing at so early a time so many particular stipulations. It is also not a little remarkable that at the time when this Indenture was executed, conveyances of large estates were not half so long or half so special in their provisions as this Indenture. There is also another similar Indenture, dated 1414, between the same John Hyndlee (Hyndeley) and William Spragge, son of Thomas Spragge of Shrewsbury, for the apprenticeship of the said William to the same John, to learn the art of the brasier's craft. The term of apprenticeship was to be *eight* years, but the other conditions were almost identical with those in the following Indenture.

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H<sup>E</sup>C Indentura testatur quod ita convenit inter Johannem Hyndlee de Norhampton, Brasyer, ex parte una, et Thomam Edward, filium Gilberti Edward de Wyndesore, ex parte altera, quod prædictus Thomas Edward semetipsum fecit et posuit apprenticium dicto Johanni Hyndlee, ad deserviendum eidem Johanni Hyndlee et assignatis suis bene et fideliter more apprentici a festo omnium sanctorum proxime futuro post datam presentium usque ad finem septem annorum proxime extunc sequentium et plenarie completorum, ad artem vocatam *brasyer's craft*, quâ dictus Johannes utitur, medio tempore humiliiter erudiendum. Infra quem quidem terminum dictorum septem annorum præfatus Thomas Edward consilia dicti Johannis Hyndlee magistri sui celabit. Dampnum eidem Johanni magistro suo nullo modo faciet nec fieri videbit, quin illud cito impedit aut dictum magistrum suum statim inde premuniet. A servicio suo prædicto seipsum illicitè non absentabit. Bona et catalla dicti Johannis magistri sui absque ejus licenciac<sup>i</sup> nulli accommodabit. Tabernam, scortum, talos, aleas, et joca similia non frequentabit, in dispendium magistri sui prædicti. Fornicationem nec adulterium cum aliquâ muliere de domo et familiâ dicti Johannis magistri sui nullo modo committet, neque uxorem ducet, absque licenciac<sup>i</sup> magistri sui prædicti. Præcepta et mandata licita et rationabilia dicti Johannis magistri sui ubique pro fideli posse ipsius Thomæ, diligenter adimplebit et eisdem mandatis libenter obediet, durante toto termino suo prænotato. Et, si prædictus Thomas de aliqua convacione sua vel articulo præscripto defecerit, tunc idem Thomas juxta modum et quantitatatem delicti sui præfato Johanni magistro suo satisfaciet emendam

aut terminum apprenticiatū sui prædicti dupPLICabit, iterando servicium suum præfixum. Et præfatus Johannes Hyndlee et assignati sui dictum Thomam apprenticum suum in arte prædictâ meliori modo quo idem Johannes sciverit ac poterit tractabunt, docebunt et informabunt, seu ipsum informari facient sufficienter, debito modo castigando, et non aliter. Præterea dictus Johannes concedit ad docendum et informandum dictum Thomam in arte vocata *Peuterer's<sup>1</sup> craft* adeo bene sicut sciverit seu poterit ultra convencionem suam præmissam. Et idem Johannes nullam [*a hole in the deed*] artium prædictarum a dicto Thomâ apprenticio suo concelabit durante termino prænotato. Invenient insuper idem Johannes et assignati sui dicto Thomæ omnia sibi necessaria, videlicet victum suum, et vestitum, lineum, laneum, lectum, hospicium, calceamenta et cetera sibi competencia annuatim sufficienter, prout ætas et status ipsius Thomæ exigenter durante termino suo præfixo. In cuius rei testimonium partes prædictæ hiis Indenturis sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt. Data apud Norhampton, die Sabbati proxima post festum saucti Lucæ apostoli et evangelistæ,<sup>2</sup> anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post conquestum decimo nono. Hiis testibus, Henrico Caysho, tunc majore villæ Norhampton, Willielmo Wale et Johanne Wodeward, tunc ibidem ballivis, Ricardo Gosselyn, Johaune Esex Smyth, et aliis. [A.D. 1396.]

Seal appended. The arms seem to be a pale, and in chief three escallop shells. No tinctures.

<sup>1</sup> Though indistinct, I think there is no doubt of this word.

<sup>2</sup> I. e. 18 October.