



THIS INDENTURE Witnesseth,

That *John Perkins of Arundel in the County of York + State of Massachusetts mariner + guardian* legally appointed to *Samuel Perkins of said Arundel a minor under the age of twenty one years hath put hand and ---*

doth by these presents bind out the said minor and with the free will and consent of the said minor -- he is hereby bound an **Apprentice** to *Nathaniel Lord of said Arundel, Merchant.*

to learn the art, trade, or mystery of *Mariner + Navigator* and with him the said *Nathaniel* after the manner of an apprentice, to serve from the day of the date of these presents, until the *Twenty ninth* day of *March* -- which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *ten* -- when the said apprentice will arrive at the age of twenty-one years: During all which time, the said apprentice his said master well and faithfully shall serve, his secrets keep, his lawful commands duly obey. He shall do no damage to his said master, nor suffer it to be done by others, without giving reasonable notice thereof to his said master....He shall not waste the goods of his said master, nor lend them unlawfully to any....At cards, dice, or any other unlawful game, he shall not play...He shall not absent himself, by day or by night, from the service of his said master, without his leave; nor haunt or frequent ale-houses, taverns, or gaming places....He shall not contract matrimony within the said term; nor shall he commit any acts of vice or immorality which are forbidden by the laws of the Commonwealth; but in all things, and at all times, he shall carry and behave himself towards his said master, and all others, as a good and faithful apprentice ought to do, during all the term aforesaid.

AND the said *Nathaniel Lord*

doth hereby covenant and promise to teach and instruct, or cause the said apprentice to be instructed, in the art, trade or calling of *Mariner + Navigator* -- by the best way or means that he may or can (if said apprentice be capable to learn;) and, during the said term, to find and provide unto the said apprentice *good + sufficient meat + drink clothing + lodging + all other necessaries fit + convenient for such an apprentice during the term aforesaid + at the expiration thereof shall give unto said Apprentice two suits of wearing apparel and suitable for Lords days + one suitable for working days - the said Lord promises to have said apprentice instructed to read write + sypher as far at the rule of three if he be capable of learning + also to give him a quadrant + book sufficient [unreadable] to [unreadable] a vessel to the W. Indies.*

In Testimony whereof, the said parties have to this, and one other indenture, of the same tenor and date, interchangeably set their hands and seals, the *ninth* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *five* --

Signed, Sealed and Delivered, in presence of us,

John Perkins
Samuel Perkins

H. Clark

Nath Lord

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Description: Indenture between John and Samuel Perkins and Nathaniel Lord