This Indenture Witnesseth Tha Nathaniel Mason of Boston in the County of Middlesex within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Yeoman to the part and place of the said Nathaniel Mason by the present of their son Simon Mason his son Apprentice to Richard Lee of Boston in the County of Middlesex and to be held by the said Apprentice to learn the art of a joiner and to serve with the said Richard Lee for a period of time not exceeding one year which time shall be on the twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred forty-nine during which time the said Apprentice to the said Master is subject to those laws and directions given and prescribed to them by their lawful masters in that respect and shall not commit any unlawful act or mischiefs to the damage of the said Master or his chief and shall not use any violence or threats of violence towards the said Master or his chief and shall do no damage to the said Master's or his chief's property or any other unlawful act and shall not be under any commitment or contract, marriage or any other unlawful bond by which he shall be bound, nor shall he remove from the said Master's or his chief's house or place, but in all things he shall be subject to and behave himself as a faithful apprentice and shall do all that is in his power to do towards his said Master Thomas Lee during the said time and the said Simon Mason of Boston in the county of Middlesex is bound to give the said Apprentice the necessary food and lodging both in summer and in winter and all other suitable eggs, drinks, wages and clothing, and also that for the privilege of going to school to be taught in reading, writing and arithmetic, and that he shall be discharged from the said Apprentice on the expiration of the said time, but on the expiration of the said time the said Apprentice shall be released from all constraint or bonds, and shall be free to do as he pleases, any other conditions to the contrary notwithstanding. In witness whereof the said Apprentice and the said Master and the said bondsman have interchanged for their bonds the sum of one hundred and fifteen pounds of money and in their books and without further payment, the said Simon Mason his son is bound by the said Richard Lee and the said bondsman. Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

Joseph Pratt
Sally Pratt

M. F. J.

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