



his indenture witnesses that James, son of Francis Scott of the Corporation of Liverpool one of the poor boys of the Charity School of Liverpool in the County Palatine of Lancashire with his voluntary and free consent doth put him apprentice to Mr Richard Houghton of Liverpool, Merchant to learn his art with him in the Manner of an Apprentice to serve from the Day of the Date hereof, until the full End and Term of Seven years be compleat and ended, the said Apprentice his Master – faithfully shall serve, his Secrets keep, his lawful Commandments everywhere gladly do, Shall do no Damage to his said Master – nor see to be done of others but he to his Power shall let, or forthwith give Warning to his said Master of the same. He shall not waste the Goods of his said Master nor lend them unlawfully to any. He shall not contract Fornication nor Matrimony contract within the said terms. He shall not play at Cards, Dice, Tables or any other unlawful

Games, whereby his Said Master may have any Loss. With his own Goods or others, during the said Term, without License of his Said Master, he shall neither buy nor sell. He shall not haunt Taverns, Alehouses or Play-houses, nor absent him/herself from his said Masters Service Day or Night unlawfully. But in all Things as a faithful Apprentice, he shall and will behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term. And the said Master during the said Term shall by the best Means or Method that he can, Teach or cause the said Apprentice to the Taught the Art and Mystery of a Merchant. And also shall find and provide unto the said Apprentice sufficient meat drink and lodging.

For the true performance of all and every, the said Covenants and Agreements, either of the said Parties bind themselves unto the other by their presence. In Witness whereof they have hereunto interchangeably put their Hands and Seals the twenty fifth day of March Anno Dom. 1729 and in the Second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith.

Sealed and delivered (being first duly stamped) in the Presence of us



Blue Coat, Liverpool