

An Apprenticeship in "House Wifery"

THIS Indenture witnesseth that Sarah Hulse of Reclesstown in the County of Burlington in the western Division of the province of new Jersey together with the Consent of her Father & Mother doth put and bind her Self an Apprentice unto Joseph Emley and Sarah his wife of Arneys Town of the Same County & Province aforesaid to Live with them after the manner of an Apprentice to learn the art of house wifery Such as Sewing and Spinning &c) and to serve them her said Master & Mistres for and During the Space or Term of Five years Eight Months & fifteen Days During all which time the said Apprentice her said Master & Mistres faithfully shall serve their Secrets keep and all their Lawfull Commands Obey she shall do no Damage to her said Master & mistres nor se it to be done by others without letting or giving notice to her said Master & mistres nor se it to be done by others without letting or giving notice to her s^d Master & mistres she shall not waste her s^d Master & mistres goods nor lend them unlawfully to any she shall not Commit Fornication nor Contract Matrimony during the abovesaid Time she shall not play at Cards or Dice nor any unlawful Game whereby they her said master & mistress may be Damaged with their goods or the goods of others she shall not absent her self day nor night from her master & mistres Service unlawfully nor haunt Taverns but in all things behave her self as a faithfull apprentice ought to do and her said master and mistres shall procure and provide for Sarah Hilsee their Apprentice sufficient Meat washing Lodging & Aparel and all Other Necessaries during the abovesaid time both in Sickness and in health and to give her their Apprentice Six Months Day Schooling before the Expiration of the abovesaid Time

and at the Expiration of the time aboves^d then I the s^d Joseph Emley & Sarah my wife doth hereby Covenant promise & Agree to and with the s^d Sarah Hilsee our Apprentice to give her the following new things viz) one new gound of any sort of Stuff as she shall then Chose being

worth one Dollar¹ pr yard one new pair of Stays one new Quilted petticoat one fine handkerchief one new fine Apron with a new Silk Hatt with Shoes and Stockings new and all other things to compleat a Suit of Clothing for all parts of her Body and also one Good middle aged Cow with a Calf the s^d Joseph Emley and Sarah his wife do promise to give unto Sarah Hilsee) the above mentioned Clothing new besides all her other common waring Aparent and for the true performance of all and every of the Covenants & agreements either of the Parties bindeth himself firmly unto the Other by these Presents in witness whereof they have Interchangeably set their hands and seales this Twenty first Day of May 1767

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in presents of²

Copied from a photostat in **D** presented by Amelia M. Gummere, of Haverford, Pa. The original is deposited in Fennimore House, Burlington, N. J., the home of the Burlington County Historical Society.

¹ There is some alteration here, not now legible.

² The signatures cannot now be read.

GEORGE FOX IN DOOMSDALE.—The time spent by George Fox and his companions in this underground portion of Launceston Gaol has been differently stated. In *Loveday Hambly*, L. V. Holdsworth gives "thirteen days," and this is the length of time given in the contemporary record in the tract *The West Answering to the North*, which reads, p. 37 :

" [The gaoler] powred out his outragious and bruitish Crueltie, and into a low place in the prison called Domesdale, the 9 of the second month [1656] he cast them, where the fellones are secured, out of which he took the fellons before their faces, and put them into a Chamber over their heads, locking these prisoners into this noysome, filthy, stinking hole. . . . "

Again, p. 40 :

" The Justices declared themselves in the behalf of the Prisoners and ordered their removal out of Dooms-dale after they had been kept there for the space of 13 dayes."

The reason for their thrust into Doomsdale was their refusal to pay any longer for their keep, although, previously,

" he had fortie shillings since Sessions for lying in his sheets, though the sheets were such as we never lay in before, they were so torne that our feet went through the holes, and they were so long lane in that I have seen cleener on a stick to sweep an Oven " (p. 61).