Anno tricesimo primo

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An Act to amend an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled, *An Act for the better Explanation, and supplying the Defects of the former Laws for the Settlement of the Poor*, so far as the same relates to Apprentices gaining a Settlement by Indenture; and also to impower Justices of the Peace to determine Differences between

Maſters and Miſtreſſes and their Servants in Husbandry, touching their Wages, though ſuch Servants are hired for leſs Time than a Year.

Preamble.



WHEREAS by an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, intituled, An Act for the better Explanation, and ſupplying the Defects of the former Laws for the Settlement of the Poor, it is enacted, That if any Perſon ſhall be bound an Apprentice by Indenture, and inhabit in any Town or Pariſh, ſuch Binding and Inhabitation ſhall be adjudged a good Settlement: And whereas ſince the making the ſaid Act, great Numbers of Perſons have been unwarily bound Apprentices by certain Deeds, Writings, or Contracts, not indented, by which binding many of them have ſuffered great Loſs and Damage, on Account of their having been refuſed a Settlement in ſuch Town or Pariſh, where they have been ſo bound and reſided Forty Days, and have been removed to the Pariſh or Place where their laſt legal Settlement was before ſuch Apprentiſhip, where they have had no Encouragement to exerciſe their Trades, or Opportunity to gain a Livelihood by their ſaid Trades to which they were ſo bound Apprentices: For Relief therefore of ſuch Apprentices, and for preventing the like Miſchief for the Future; be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by

by the Authority of the same, That no Person who shall have been bound an Apprentice, or who shall hereafter be bound an Apprentice, by any Deed, Writing, or Contract, not indented, being first legally stamped, shall be liable to be removed from the Town, Parish, or Place, where he or she shall have been so bound an Apprentice, and resident Forty Days, by virtue of any Order of Removal, granted by Two Justices of the Peace, of any County, Riding, Division, City, Borough, Town Corporate, or Place; or by virtue of any Order of the Justices at their General or Quarter Sessions, by Reason or on Account of such Deed, Writing, or Contract, not being indented only.

Person bound Apprentice by Deed, &c. though not indented, being first duly stamped, is intitled to a Settlement where apprenticed.

Provided nevertheless, That nothing herein before enacted, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to set aside or make void, any Judgement, Order, or Decree, which shall have been made as aforesaid, before the First Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight.

Judgement, &c. to the contrary made before 1 *May*, 1758, not to be avoided hereby.

And whereas by an Act passed in the Twentieth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the better adjusting and more easy Recovery of the Wages of certain Servants, and for the better Regulation of such Servants, and of certain Apprentices; it is enacted, That from and after the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and forty seven, all Complaints, Differences, and Disputes, which shall arise between Masters or Mistresses, and Servants in Husbandry, who shall be hired for One Year or longer, or which shall happen or arise between Masters and Mistresses and Artificers, Handicraftsmen, Miners, Colliers, Keelmen, Pitmen, Glassmen, Potters, and other Labourers, employed for any certain Time, or in any other Manner, shall be heard or determined by One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, for the Place where such Master or Mistress shall inhabit: And whereas Doubts have arisen whether the Words any Labourers

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ers employed for any certain Time, or in any other Manner, extend to Servants in Husbandry hired for a less Time than One Year; for obviating the said Doubts, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Act, and all and every Clause and Matter therein contained, shall from and after the said First Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, be deemed and construed to extend to all Servants employed in Husbandry, though hired for a less Time than One Year; any thing in the said recited Act of the Twentieth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, or any other Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Recited Act extended to Servants employed in Husbandry, though hired for a less Time than a Year.

FINIS.