

THIS INDENTURE witnesseth

THAT *Maria* Ganges, by and with the consent of ROBERT PATTERSON and THOMAS HARRISON, members of the Pennsylvania Incorporated Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery, she being one of those persons captured on board the Phebe, by the sloop of war the Ganges, commanded by John Maloney, Esq. hath put her self and by these Presents, the said *Maria* Ganges doth voluntary and of her own free will and accord, put her self Apprentice to *Daniel Thomas of the City of Philadelphia*

to learn the ^{of Housewifery} Art, Trade and Mystery, and after the manner of an Apprentice to serve him the said *Daniel Thomas* his Heirs and Assigns from the day of the date hereof, for and during, and to the full end and term of *Nine years* — years next ensuing. During all which term the said Apprentice her said Master faithfully shall serve, his secrets keep, his lawful commands every where readily obey. She shall do no damage to her said Master's goods, nor see it to be done by others, without letting or giving notice thereof to her said Master. She shall not waste her said Master's goods, nor lend them unlawfully to any. She shall not commit fornication, nor contract matrimony within the said term. She shall not play at cards, dice, or any other unlawful game, whereby her said Master may have damage. With her own goods nor the goods of others, without licence from her said Master, she shall neither buy nor sell. She shall not absent her self day nor night from her said Master's service without his leave, nor haunt ale-houses, taverns or play-houses; but in all things behave her self as a faithful apprentice ought to do, during the said term. And the said Master shall use the utmost of his endeavours to teach, or cause to be taught or instructed, the said Apprentice in the trade or Mystery of *Housewifery* and procure and provide for her sufficient Meat, Drink, Wearing apparel, Lodging and Washing, fitting for an Apprentice, during the said term of *Nine* — years to give her three quarters day *schooling*

and when free, to have two suits of apparel, one whereof to be new. —

This Indenture not to be assigned, without the consent of the Committee of Guardians of the Pennsylvania Incorporated Society for the Abolition of Slavery.

And whereas a Bond is this day given by *Daniel Thomas & Joshua Longstreets* to John Hall Esq. Marshal of the United States for the District of Pennsylvania, in the sum of Four Hundred Dollars, conditioned, that if the suits brought or to be brought by the claimants of the Phebe or her cargo: and the Court should determine that *Maria* Ganges is a Slave, then, and in that case, he is (if alive) to be surrendered to the said Marshal or to his assigns on demand,

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AND for the true performance of all and singular the covenants and agreements aforesaid, the said parties bind themselves each unto the other firmly by these presents. IN WITNESS whereof, the said parties have interchangeably set their Hands and Seals hereunto. Dated the *Seventeenth* day of *October* — in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred

City of Philadelphia
Sealed and delivered }
in the presence of }

Daniel Thomas

Robert Wharton
Mayor