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State of North Carolina
Currituck County

I Alexander Whitlock of the State and County
aforesaid do hereby Acknowledge & Confess what I have
said of Robert Parks as Touching his Character
in saying he was a Leathery Son of a Bitch
is false and Groundless that I have no Right to
say any such thing of him the said Robert Parks
Given under my hand this 30th Septem 1786

Edw James Turner his
Alex M. Whitlock
Mark

October Court 1786

This Indenture was duly Read in Open
Court by the Court of James Turner a Deputy Sheriff
& Ordered to be recorded

Edw A. Murphy Clk

This Indenture made this 17th day of October Anno Domini 1786
Between Robert Parks Esq in behalf of the Lectors and their
Successors of the County Court of Currituck of the One Part
and Edmund Alley of the Other Part Witnesseth that the
said Robert Parks in Pursuance to an Order of the said
Court made the day and date above Written and According
to the Direction of the Act of our Gen^l Assembly in such
case made & Provided with full Place & Bind unto the said
Edmund Alley James Shearman An Orphan now of the
age of 14 years with the said Edmund Alley to live
after the Manner of an Apprentice and Servant

noted

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until he shall attain to the age of Twenty one years
during all which time the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully
shall show his Lawfull commands every where & shall
he shall not at any time absent himself from his said
Masters Service without leave, but in all things as a good
and faithful Servant shall behave Towards his said
Master And the said Edmund Alley with consent
Promise and Agree to and with the said Robert Parks
that he will Teach and Instruct and cause to be Taught
and Instructed according to Law the said James Shearman
to Read Right & also the Art and Mystery of a Cooper
and that he will constantly find and provide for the
said Apprentice during the Term aforesaid Sufficient diet
Washing Lazing and Apparel fitting for an Apprentice
and all Other things Necessary both in Sickness and in
health & that the said Parties to these Presents
have Interchangeably set their hands & seals the day and
year first above Written

Signe Sealed Witness
in Presence of

Edw A. Murphy

Robert Parks Esq
Edmund Alley Esq

October Court 1786.

This Indenture was Read in
Open Court According to Law

Edw A. Murphy Clk