

Know all men by these presents that I, Robert C. Traylor of the Town of Petersburg, am held & firmly bound unto Jordan Branch sergeant of the Town of Petersburg, in the just & full sum of One Thousand Dollars, to the payment whereof, well & truly to be made, I find myself & my heirs firmly by these presents—Sealed with my seal & dated this 17th day of September 1840.—

The Condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas by a decree of the Circuit Superior Court of law & chancery for the Town of Petersbg. sitting in Chancery, it was among other things decreed on the 13th day of June 1840, in the suit of Jane—plaintiff of sd. Edwin Laniers' admr. & others defendants—that the said Branch &c. as aforesd., should hire out the said Jane & her children for the purpose of paying off certain debts in the said decree specified—and the said Branch in the due execution of the said decree, hired the said Jane & her children to the said Traylor for the term of fourteen years from the date of the above obligation, as will appear by his report which will be returned to the sd. Court, the said Traylor to hold said Jane & her said children during the said term as servants & apprentices, & not to carry them beyond the limits of this Commonwealth & to provide for their comfortable maintenance & support & to discharge them from his service & control at the expiration of the term aforesaid:—Now if the said Traylor shall well & truly perform the duties incumbent in him by virtue of the power vested in him on said Jane & her children & their future increase, by fully providing for their comfortable maintenance & support & afford them all due & proper protection, shelter & comfort.—& not carry them beyond the limits of this Commonwealth or knowingly permit them to be carried, during the term aforesd., & shall discharge them from confinement or servitude at the expiration of said term & in all things act toward them agreeably to law—then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force & virtue.

Signed, seald & delivd.
in the presence of

Robert C. Traylor (seal)

W. Bragg
A.S. Jones