

## "The forme of a binding servant," 1635

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THIS INDENTURE made the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ yeere of our Sovereigne Lord King Charles, etc. betweene \_\_\_\_\_ of the one party, and \_\_\_\_\_ on the other party, Witnesseth, that the said \_\_\_\_\_ doth hereby covenant promise, and grant, to and with the said \_\_\_\_\_ his Executors and Assignes, to serve him from the day of the date hereof, untill his first and next arrivall in Maryland; and after for and during the tearme of \_\_\_\_\_ yeeres, in such service and imployment, as the said \_\_\_\_\_ or his assignes shall there imploy him, according to the custome of the Countrey in the like kind. In consideration whereof, the said \_\_\_\_\_ doth promise and grant, to and with the said \_\_\_\_\_ to pay for his passing, and to find him with Meat, Drink, Apparell and Lodging, with other necessaries during the said terme; and at the end of the said terme, to give him one whole yeeres provision of Corne, and fifty acres of Land, according to the order of the countrey. In witsnesse whereof, the said \_\_\_\_\_ hath hereunto put his hand and seale, the day and yeere above written.

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The usuall terme of binding a servant, is for five yeers; but for any artificer, or one that shall deserve more then ordinary, the Adventurer shall doe well to shorten that time, and adde encouragements of another nature (as he shall see cause) rather then to want such usefull men.