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[DOCUMENT 1]

William Taylor was an Inhabitant in ye parish of Stasfeeld/
for some years as hath beene proved, & at that time when/
he wass sent by pass to Smarden he covinant/
sarvant to one Haman Rolph of ye foresaid parish of/
Stasfeeld he going from his master before his time wass/
oute wass taken ill & lame & being nesisitated went/
to ye officers of ye parish of Stasfeeld & craved Reliefe/
accordingly he was relieved & lodged in a barne by two/
of ye Officers of ye said parish upon this ye Officers of/
ye said parish of Stasfeeld complained to ye justices that/
he had baged & gained their warrant to send him to/
Smarden where he said he wass borne notwithstanding/
at that time when he wass sent unto Smarden he was/
Covenant sarvant to ye foresaid Haman Rolph. Then
both parishes apeered at ye Sessions at Canterbury it/
being so late as candle lighting ye Courte being full/
of business settled him upon Smarden till further/
Order, whereupon ye parish of Smarden gave notice to/
parish of Stasfeeld that they would apeale to ye Asises/
& accordingly Both parishes did apeare at ye Asises &/
The Judge of ye Asises did make an Order that whereas/
ye late Sesions at Canterbury had made an Order that ye/
said William Taylor should be settled at Smarden/
Till further Order that now it should be Referred to ye/
next Sesions of ye peace to be held at Maidstone for them/
to hear ye cause & settle ye said William Taylor according/
to Law, & accordingly ye said Sesions haveing heard ye Counsell/
on both sids & witnesses on their Oaths & upon a full hearing/
did make an Absolute Order for settling William Taylor/
at Stasfeeld, part of ye parishoner of Stasfeeld did question/
whether they should settle him with his master/
Haman Rolph or not/
will weller/

[DOCUMENT 2]

William Taylor was an Inhabitant in the parish of/
Stasfeeld for some years as hath beene proved and/
at that time when he was sent by pass to/
Smarden he was Covinant Sarvant to one/
Haman Rolph of the aforesaid p[ar]ish of Stallsfeeld/
he going from his master before his time was/
oute was taken ill and lame and being nisisitated/
went to the officer of the p[ar]ish of Stalisfeeld and/
Craved Reliefe acordingly he was Relived and/
lodged in A barne by Two of the officers of the/
said p[ar]ish upon this the officers of the said p[ar]ish/
of Stalisfeeld Complained to the Justeses that he/
had baged and gained there warrant to send/
him to Smarden where he said that he was/
borne notwithstanding at that time when he/
was sent to Smarden he was Covenant Sarvant/
to the aforesaid haman Rolfe then both p[ar]ishes/
apeered at the Sesions at Canterbury it being/
soe late as Candell lighting the Court being/
full of busines settled him upon Smarden till/
further order whereupon the p[ar]ish of Smarden/
gave notice to the p[ar]ish of Stalisfeeld that they/
would apeale to the Asises and acordingly both/
parishes did appeere at the Asises and the Judge/
of the Asises did make an order that whereas/
the late Sesions of Canterbury had made an order/
that the said William Taylor should be settled at/
Smarden till further order that now it should be/
Referred to the next Sesions of the peace to be/
held at Maidstone for them to heere the Cause/
and settelle the said William Taylor acording/
to Law and acordingly the said Sesions having/
heard the Counsell one both sids and witnesses one/
their oaths and upon A full hearing did make an/
absolute order for settling William Taylor at/
Stalisfeeld [INS] and after the said William Taylor was setled at Stasfeeld
[END INS] part of the parishoners of Stalisfeeld/
did question whether they should settle him with/
his master haman Rofe or not/

Henry Spillet of Charing proves his former Settlement at Stalisfeld with Croft/
& also the notice/
William Weller of Smarden/

[DOCUMENT 3]

Kent Ss The Informac[i]on of William Taylor now or late of/
the parish of Stalesfield in the County afores[ai]d labourer/
taken before and upon Oath this Second day of January/
An[no] d[omi]n[i] 1677/
This Inform[an]t saith That about the Middle of August last he/
came out of the parish of Graine in the County afores[ai]d to the said parish/
of Stalesfield And did then and there Contract w[i]th one Haman Rolfe/
of the s[ai]d parish of Stalesfield to serve him from that time till the/
Mich[elm]as followinge (w[hi]h was]Six weekes) and at Mich[elm]as he this/
Inform[an]t was to Receive of the said Haman Rolfe the sume of Thirty/
shillings and accordingly the said Haman Rolfe his Master did pay/
him this Inform[an]t Thirty Shillings And this Inform[an]t alsoe saith That/
about Two dayes before Mich[elm]as last he this Inform[an]t did Coven[an]t w[ith]h/
the said Haman Rolfe his Master (In the p[re]sence of the Father and/
Mother of the said Haman Rolfe) for to serve him for the space of A/
yeare from the s[ai]d Mich[elm]as day then next comeinge for the Wages of/
Foure pounds and Tenn Shillings for the s[ai]d yeare And further this/

Inform[an]t saith that by reason he this Inform[an]t could not have his/
health and that his Master and he could not agree, soe this Inform[an]t/
did continue w[ith] his said Master but about Tenn dayes of his yeare/
and did then Leave his Masters service And from thence went to/
Charinge, and from thence went back to the parish of Stalesfield/
and soe went from parish to parish to seeke for Worke not settlinge/
any where. And this Inform[an]t further saith/
That about A moneth agoe he this Inform[an]t goeing to the house/
of Henry Jackson Ov[er]seere of the said parish of Stalesfield for to Ask Reliefe/
the saide Henry Jackson did then Relieve him this Inform[an]t and gave him/
Leave to Lye in his Barne that night and the next day ordered this Inform[an]t/
for to goe to One Thomas Filmer the Churchwarden And this Inform[an]t did/
goe to the s[ai]d Thomas Filmer and asked Reliefe of him and the said Thomas/
Filmer did give this Inform[an]t Reliefe and ordered him for to Lye in his/
Barne that night But refused to give him any further Reliefe unless/
he had an order from the Justices of the peace. And further this Inform[an]t/
saith That he went the next day to Justice Paine to desire his order/
to the Offic[er]s of the parish of Stalesfield for them to Allow him this/
Inform[an]t Reliefe, w[hil]h Order the said Justice paine did refuse to Grant/
And this Inform[an]t further saith that he went from the s[ai]d Justice
panies to the parish of Charinge againe And that the Offic[er]s of the/
s[ai]d parish of Charinge did carry him this Inform[an]t before the Justices/
of the peace there then Sittinge And the s[ai] Justices of the peace/
Com[m]anded this Inform[an]t to be gone out of the said parish of/
Charinge And further this Inform[an]t saith that he did goe out of/
the said parish of Charinge, and went back againe to the parish/
of Stalesfeild And the Offic[er]s of the s[ai]d parish of Stalesfield/
Complayninge to S[ir] George Curteis and Justice paine of him/
this Inform[an]t the said S[ir] George Curteis and Justice paine did/
make A pass for him this Inform[an]t to be whipt and to be sent/
to the parish of Smarden in the County afores[ai]d Where he this/
Inform[an]t declared that he was Borne. And accordingly he/
this Inform[an]t was whipt at the said parish of Stalesfield and/
from then Conveyed to the parish of Smarden afores[ai]d/
And further this Inform[an]t saith not/
Wm Taylor/
by his marke/
John Henden/
Richard Hilgio/

[DOCUMENT 4]/

Kanc[?] s[...]? Ad gen[er]al? Quarterial? Session paci[s] D[o]m[ini]? Regis pro
Com[itu]??/
p[re]d[ic]to? Kent apud Maidstone in dict[um]* Com[itu(m)] die Martis in/
prima septi[m]ana prox[ima] post Oct[avu]m(?) Pasche scil[icet] nono/
die Aprilis Anno regni d[o]m[ini] nostril Carolis s[e]c[un]di numero(?)**/
Regis Anglie et[c] Tricesimo Annoq[ue] d[o]m[ini] 1678/

[* Should be 'dicto' but clearly ends in 'm'. I think/
** This is illegible. It might mean 'Charles second by number'.]

ATTEMPTED TRANSLATION/

Kent.... At the General Quarterly Session of the Peace of our Lord King for the
aforesaid County/
of Kent at Maidstone in the said (?) County on Tuesday in the first week after the/
Octave of Easter that is the ninth day of April in the thirtieth year of our Lord
Charles/
the second [by number] King of England etc and the Year of Our Lord 1678/

Upon debate of the matters in difference betweene/
the Inhabitants of the parish of Stallisfeild and the/

parish of Smarden in the County concerning the settlem[en]t/
of one William Taylor and upon hearing of the said/
several Inhabitants and their Counsell It is ordered/
by this Court that the said William Taylor shall be settled at/
Stallsfeild where it appears upon full evidence to this/
Court that the said William Taylor was last legally settled/
there to be provided for according to law/

april 11 - 1678

I delivered Will[ia]m Taylor to Edward Wise one/
of the Overseers of Sailsfeild with the order of Sessions/
of which Order the above written is a true Copie/
Witnes my hand William Weller/

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