



Sutton Veny

Articles of Clerkship (UK 1756 – 1874)

The Articles of Clerkship were contracts between an apprentice clerk, who wanted to become an attorney or solicitor, and an attorney who agreed to train the clerk. The contracts were often entered into by fathers (or other sponsors) on their sons' behalf with terms typically lasting 5 – 7 years.

Clerk's Name	Clerk's Father	Attorney's Name	Filing Date
John Tivotoe Thring	Rev. Brouncker Thring	Stephen Francis Phelps	3 Apr 1806

In the King's Bench

William Henry Jacob of Warminster in the county of Wilts Gentleman maketh Oath and saith that he the Deponent did see Brouncker Thring, John Tivotoe Thring and Stephen Francis Phelps severally sign seal and execute a certain paper writing purporting to be Articles of Agreement bearing the date the seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1806 and made or mentioned to be made between the Reverend Brouncker Thring of Sutton Veny in the county of Wilts Doctor in Divinity and John Tivotoe Thring son of the said Brouncker Thring of the one part and Stephen Francis Phelps of Warminster in the county of Wilts Gentleman one of the Attornies of his Majesty's Court of King's Bench and of the Common Pleas at Westminster and a Solicitor of the High Court of Chancery of the other part whereby the said John Tivotoe Thring put and placed himself with the consent and approbation of the said Brouncker Thring his Father to and with the said Stephen Francis Phelps as his Clerk to serve from the date thereof for the term of five years and the said Stephen Francis Phelps thereby agreed to take and retain the said John Tivotoe Thring as his Clerk from such date for the term of five years aforesaid. And this Deponent further saith that the said Articles of Agreement were so executed by them then said Brouncker Thring, John Tivotoe Thring and Stephen Francis Phelps respectively the very day and year the same bears date respectively and further saith that the names "B Thring" and "J T Thring" and "S F Phelps" set and subscribed as the respective parties thereof executing the same Articles are the proper Handwriting of

them the said Brouncker Thring, John Tivotoe Thring and Stephen Francis Phelps respectively and that the names of John Thring (Signed "J. Thring") and William Henry Jacob (signed W H Jacob) severally set and subscribed as witnesses attesting the due execution of the said Articles by the before named parties are the proper Handwriting of the said John Thring and of this Deponent respectively.

Sworn at Warminster

In the county of Wilts

This twenty sixth day of

W. H. Jacob

March in the year 1806

Before me