

Resource Sheet #04

Contract for an Indentured Servant

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The forme of binding a servant.

THIS INDENTURE made the _____ day
of _____ in the _____ yeere of our Soveraigne 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, Drinke, 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 witnesse whereof, the said
_____ hath hereunto put his hand and seale,
the day and yeere above
written.

*Sealed and delivered in
the presence of _____*