

**Draft Articles Agreed
Between
Rev Hugh Hill & Wife
And John Meaden
Date of Agreement and
Execution and of the deed
of certification
Nov 12th 1813**

I have tried to transcribe from the original hand written document
R W Meaden

Articles of agreement indented had made,

concluded and agreed this 12th day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen, between John Meaden of the town and county of Southampton, Carpenter of the one part and the Rev Hugh Hill of the same town and county, Doctor in Divinity and Ann Launee his wife of the other part as follows.

He the said John Meaden doth hereby Covenant, Promise and agree to and with the said Hugh Hill and Ann Launee his wife and each of them in manner following, that is to say, that he the said John Meaden shall and will forthwith proceed to the Island of Jamaica at the costs and charges of the said Hugh Hill and Ann Launee his wife or one of them and also that the said John Meaden shall and will well and truly serve the said Ann Launee Hill upon her Plantation Sugar Work called the Hermitage and also well and truly serve Ann Newell of Southampton aforesaid widow/the further — .Ann Launee Hill upon her plantation called Thedhassel both of which plantations are situated in the Parish of Portland in the said Island of Jamaica in the capacity of Carpenter according to the best of the abilities of the said John Meaden for the term of three years, to be imputed from his arrival on one of the said estates and during all which time he the said John Meaden shall and will well and faithfully demean himself in the capacity aforesaid and do all such -asenesses and services as are usually done and performed by carpenters on Sugar Plantations upon both of these plantations in such a manner as shall be required of him. By the said Hugh Hill doth hereby for himself further and Ann Launee his wife his her and their heirs executors and administrators cover and promise agree herewith the said John Meaden his Executors and administrators which the said Hugh Hill and Ann Launee his wife or any of them —————shall and will pay or cause to be paid the steerage passage of the said John Meaden from Great Britain to the said Island of Jamaica and also shall and will pay or cause to be paid unto the said John Meaden

for and during the term of three years to be completed as
aforesaid — the sum of £55 sterling money of Great
Britain for the first year, £65 sterling being for the second
year and £75 sterling for the third year, such as to be paid to
him in Jamaica, and also £10 sterling in addition for each of
the above years to Ann Meaden widow and the mother of
this Mr Meaden of Southampton, and likewise shall and will
at the proper time costs and charges of the said Hugh Hill,
his wife Ann Launee and their heirs Executors and
administrators find and provide for the said John Meaden
good and sufficient meals, drink, and lodging and pay and
discharge his doctors bills, and for the due performance of
this agreement each of the said parties hereto bind and
oblige himself and herself to each of the other parties in the
penal sum of one hundred pounds sterling. In witness
whereof the said parties to there presents have given their
hands and seals, the day and year first before written.

Signed sealed and Two witnesses

Two parts of the above executed one for John Meaden the
other for A.L.Hill both promised before the Mayor of
Southampton by one of the subscribing witnesses.

Each written upon a stamp of £1.10.0

Copy of the Mayors certificate annexed to the above, to all to
whom these presence shall come. I John Rowales esq Mayor
of the town of Southampton in the county of the same town,
do hereby certify that on the day of the date hereof
personally came and appeared before me Thomas Ridding
the dependant named in the annexed affidavit, being a
person well known and worthy of good credit and by solemn
oath which the said dependant then took before me upon
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, did solemnly testify
and depose to be true, the several matters and things
mentioned and contained in the said annexed affidavit.

In faith and testimony where of I the said Mayor have caused the seal of the office of Mayoralty of the said town of Southampton to be herewith set and affixed and the articles of agreement said referred to in and by this said affidavit to be honoured also and dated at Southampton this day of November in the year of our Lord 1813.