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Indenture and Manumission Document

Tull Dick

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Introduction:

The following document is a digitized copy an indenture agreement promising freedom to a negro slave, Tull Dick, if he would join the Continental army. Under the agreement he would legally be considered an indentured servant to Lieutenant Mark Mazuzen during the war and would receive his freedom when he reached 21years of age on May 29, 1782. His original masters, Timothy Russell and Solomon Rose signed the Indenture as did Lieutenant Mazuzen and Tull Dick.

A search of Revolutionary War records shows that Tull Dick enlisted in Hazen's Regiment in New Haven on April 15, 1777, a month before the Indenture was signed. At the time, he was 16 years old. He was removed from the rolls of the regiment on September 11, 1777 with the note that he had probably been killed or captured at the Battle of Brandywine. Lieutenant Mazuzen served in the same regiment and resigned in December, 1777 but later rejoined and served until 1783.

This Indenture made between Timothy Buffell, and Solomon Prose
of Branford in the County of New Haven and State of Connecticut
on the one part and Masha Mozuzan of Branford in the County and
State aforesaid - Witnesses -

That we the S^r Timothy Buffell and Solomon Prose, Doe by these presents
put two and bind out ^{Serge} ~~shall~~ Masha Mozuzan to the S^r Timothy Buffell and Prose,
to Masha Mozuzan indent in the Continental Service, to serve with him
in the manner of a bound servant untill he shall arrive to three Ages
of Twenty one years, which will be on the 29th Day of May A. D. 1782
And in the S^r Term of time he shall faithfully his S^r Masters Service
and obey and not absent himself from his S^r Masters Service without
his leave; and all his Lawfull Commands he shall obey, he shall
not Imbezil or waste his Masters goods or Estate, nor suffer any to
Doe the same without giving Notice thereof to his S^r Masters

And I the S^r Masha Mozuzan do hereby declare and bind myself to provide for the
S^r Full Diete Negro Servant to S^r Buffell & Prose, all necessary meate, and
Drinke, Cloathing, washing in S^rhirts and in health, and to keep him in Service
either in the Army of these States or in Case the War, except at some other
diligent & steady Employ, untill the 29th Day of May A. D. 1782 as aforesaid
And then at the Expiration of S^r Term of time the S^r Dismiss him from
my Service, and give him decent Washing Apperrell, to all parts of his Body
And also we the S^r Timothy Buffell, & Solomon Prose, jointly declare and by
this Instrument release to this bond Servant of ours Full Diete, after hee
has faithfully served his S^r Master, this Time here mentioned, his Liberty &
Freedom from all bonds or obligations to us, and to be his own Master, and
as this Indenture is given of him for the Express purpose of his serving
in the Continental Army, It also release to S^r Full Servant, at the Expiration
of S^r War, or Dismission of the Army three 100, Acres of Land promised & given
by the Continent to such private Soldiers, in Case, the S^r Full Diete
should not die till hee arrives to three Ages of Twenty one years, or the end
of the present War, his Master Masha Mozuzan shall have and be
Entitled to S^r Lands and is hereby by us in S^r Case, entitled two S^r Lands,
as his Right and Claim.

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In witness whereof we the parties have hereunto set our hands
and seals this the 29th Day of May A. D. 1777. In the second year
of the Independence of the American States.

Signed Sealed and Delivered

In presence of
Sam^l Ellis
Hannah Ellis

John P. Phipps

Solomon Rose

Mark Mazuzen

And in consequence of the above freedom to me given in this
Indenture, by my P^r Masters ^{Samuel Phipps} & Solomon Rose
And the same being ratified and confirmed by them in a certain
Bill of Freedom to me given, and well attested, I do by these
presente consent and Concur, with the above Indenture and promise
for myself carefully to observe & fulfill the same by serving in
the Continental Army during the present war, and if that Captivity
before I arrive to the Age of Twenty one to serve out ^{for} Mark
Mazuzen, as an indentured apprentice or servant, till I doe arrive
to 21 Age which will be the 29th Day of May Anno Domini, 1787.

The fulfilling the Conditions of P^r Indenture to me as above
In witness whereof I set my hand and Seal the Day and Date
above mentioned

In presence of
Sam^l Ellis
Hannah Ellis

John Phipps
Mark

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Mark Mazuzen
of the County of York
in the State of New York

This Indenture made between Timothy Russell and Solomon Rose of Branford in the County of New Haven and the State of Connecticut on the one part and Mark Mazuzen of Branford in the county and state aforesaid, Witnesses:

That we the said Timothy Russell and Solomon Rose do by these presents put to and bind out Tull Dicks, Negro, man servant to us the said Russell and Rose to Mark Mazuzen, Lieut. in the Continental Service, to live with him in the manner of a bound servant until he shall arrive to the age of twenty-one years, which will be on the 29th day of May, AD 1782 and in the said term of time he shall faithfully his said master serve and obey and not absent himself from his said master's service without his leave and all his lawful commands he shall obey. He shall not imbezel or waste his master's goods or estate nor suffer any to doe the same without giving notice thereof to his said master.

And I the said Mark Mazuzen, Lieut. Doe bind myself to provide for the said Tull Dicks, negro servant to said Russell and Rose all necessary meats and drinks, clothing, washing in sickness and in health and to keep him in service either in the army of the States or in case the war ceaseth in some other diligent and strong employ until the 29th day of May 1782 as aforesaid. And then at the expiration of said term of time to dismiss him from my service and give him decent wearing apparel to all parts of his body.

And also we the said Timothy Russell and Soloman Rose by this instrument secure to this bond servant of ours, Tull Dicks, after he has faithfully served his said master the time here mentioned his liberty and freedom from all bond or obligation to us and to be his own man. And as this Indenture is given of him for the express purpose of him serving in the Continental Army, it also secures to the said Tull, servant, at the close of the war or dismissal of said Army the 100 acres of land promised and given by the Continent to each private soldier on serving but in case the said Tull Dicks should not live till he arrives to the age of twenty one years or the end of the present war, his master Lieut. Mazuzen shall have and be entitled to said lands and is hereby by us in the said case intitled to said lands as his right and claim.

In witness thereof we the parties have hereunto set our hands and seals this 29th day of May AD 1777 in the second year of the independence of the American States.

Signed, sealed and delivered

In presence of

Samuel Ells
Hannah Ells

Timothy Russell

Solomon Rose

Mark Mazuzen

And in conformance of the above freedom to me given in this indenture by my said masters Timothy Russell and Solomon Rose and the same being ratified and confirmed by them in a certain bill of freedom to me given and well attested I do by these presents consent and concur with the above indenture and promise for myself carefully to observe

and fulfill the same by serving in the Continental Army during the present war and if that ceaseth before I arrive to the age of twenty one to serve Lieut Mark Mazuzen as an Indentured Apprentice Servant till I doe arrive at said age which will be the 29th of May AD 1782 the fulfilling of the conditions of said Indenture to me as above.

In witness whereof I set my hand and seal the day and date above mentioned.

In Presence of
Samuel Ells
Hannah Ells

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