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**Francis Billette to E. D. Howe**

This Indenture made 26<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1825 by and between Eber. D. Howe of Painesville, Geauga County, State of Ohio Burton Printer of the first part and Francis Billette, Frances Billette junior, son of the said Frances Billette, of the place aforesaid of the second part. Witnesseth that the said Francis Billette junior hath this day of his own free will and accord by and with the consent of his said father placed and bound himself as an apprents [*sic*] unto the said party of the first part to learn the art trade mistery or occupation of a printer which he the said Howe now useth and with him the said Howe agrees to serve as an apprentice for and during the term of four years from the fifth day of September 1825 and during all of which time the said apprents [*sic*] his said Master shall well and truly serve in any branch connected with the said trade and any other lawful business as may be required of him (but not to be out of the office more than one quarter of the time) according to the best of his power, wit or ability and shall honestly and obediently obey all the lawful commands of his said Master, his secrets keep and shall at no time embezzle or appropriate any of the property of the said Master to his own use without his consent or suffer it to be done by others but shall at all times take good care of the property of his said master according to the best of his abilities --. And the said Howe on his part in consideration of a faithful performance of all of the above stipulations agrees to pay to the said Francis junior during the first two years the sum of sixty dollars and for the third year the sum of forty dollars and for the fourth year, the sum of fifty dollars to be paid in clothing or such other property he may stand in need of, but in no case is the said Howe to pay the said Francis junior more than ten dollars in cash during the two first years or twenty dollars in cash during the two last years, but all that may remain due for the whole four four [*sic*] years at the expiration of the said term of service shall be paid to the said Francis junior in cash the said Howe is also to furnish the said Francis junior at all times with good and comfortable boarding, lodging, and washing, and mending and as a general rule he is to be kept at the same table with the rest of the family, in health and in sickness and is also to have furnished him all the medical assistance which may be necessary during the term of his said apprenticeship.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set out hands and seals the day and year first above written

In the presence of	E.D. Howe	SS
Silas Pepoon	Francis Billette Jr	SS
Milton Armstrong	Francis Billette	SS

Received and Recorded the first of December 1825  
Edward Paine Jun. [*Clerk Com Pleas crossed off*] Recorder



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