

Parish Overseers Deed, 1696

Articles Indented made _____ and agreed upon between Thomas Jackson of Church Brough and Michael Aiskell of Market [Brough] [Overseers] of the Poor for the same and for and on behalf of the rest of the Inhabitants of the said Broughs _____ of Westmorland of the one part, Peter Wardel of Brough Sowerby Overseer of the poor for Sowerby [and] Helbeck _____ behalf of the rest of the inhabitants in these Towns being in the same Parish and County aforesaid on another part James _____ Waistell of Stainmore Overseers of the poor for the same for and on behalf of the rest of the Inhabitants of the same being _____ and County aforesaid on another part.

Imprim[i]s it is mutually concluded covenanted and agreed upon by be[tween] _____ [all] the parties aforesaid and every of them each with other to divide the said Parish of Brough into Three Divisions onely for the future and better ordering keeping and _____ of each disabled indigent poor people as either now are or shall at any time hereafter be reduced to poverty and want within each several Division being so _____ divided as here followeth (vizt.) the two Broughs and Helbeck Hall with the Demaine belonging it (reputed to be **afoot** of the Parish) to be one of the said Divisions:

So[werby and He]lbeck Town (reputed another **Foot** of the Parish) to be another of the said Divisions. And Stainmore reputed to be **two Foot** of the Parish to be another of the said Di[visions].

2^{ly} It is further concluded covenanted and agreed upon by between and amongst the _____ said and every of them each with other that John Hill of Brough now one of the Pensioners charged in Brough Parish shall have his Sallary or Yearly Pension payd him _____ lives and stands pensioned out of the three Divisions according as was agreed upon in June 1693 and as here followeth (vizt.) the Inhabitants of Brough Divis[ion] _____ pay him the sum of Thirteen shillings yearly out of the same the Inhabitants of Sowerby and Helbeck Division shall pay him the like sum of Thirteen Shillings _____ out of the same. And the Inhabitants of Stainmore Division shall pay him the sum of Twenty six shillings yearly out of the same but from and after _____ of the said John Hill or the

cessation of his being a Chargd Pensioner every of the three Divisions above named to take care of keep and maintain their own poor resi[dents] each several and respective Division according to the fourth article and no more.

3^{ly} It is concluded covenanted and agreed upon by between and amongst the parties --- and every of them each with the other that the Inhabitants of the two Brougs shall within Twenty Days now next ensuing remove and take away the Two Children of Rich[ard?] ____ deceased from Stainmore into their own Division at Brough to be kept and maintained for the future at the proper Charges of the Inhabitants thereof.

4^{ly} It is concluded covenanted and agreed upon by between and amongst the parties aforesaid and every one of them each with the other that the Inhabitants of the two Brougs aforesaid and of Helbeck Hall and the Demains belonging it and their successors ____ beside their proportion above limited to John Hill and the maintaining of Burtons Children shall and will from time to time and at all times for ever hereafter at their own proper _____ charges take care of keep and maintain all and every such necessitated disabled and indigent poor people aas either now are or hereafter may be reside or inhabit within [their?] respective Division. And also that the Inhabitants of Sowerby and Helbeck Town and their Successors over and beside their proportion above limited to John Hill after the same [manner] and form and for the same continuance of time shall and will at their proper cost and charges take care of keep and maintain all such necessitated disabled and i[ndigent] poor people as either now are or shall hereafter be reside or inhabit within their respective Division. And likewise that the Inhabitants of Stainmore and their _____ over and beside their proportion above limited to John Hill after the very same manner and from and for the same continuance of time shall and will at their own proper cost and Charges take care of keep and maintain all such necessitated disabled and indigent poor people as either now are or hereafter at any time shall be reside inhabit within their respective Division.

5^{ly} It is fully concluded covenanted and agreed upon by between and amongst the parties aforesaid and every of them each with other that these Articles be carried and produced to some of his Majestys Justices of the peace for this County of Westmorland suffered and allowed to be corroborated and confirmed by them.

6^{ly} It is also concluded covenanted and agreed upon between and amongst the said parties and every of them each with other that if any person or persons be removed out of any of the above said Divisions since the above said month of June 1693 or shall at any time hereafter remove into any other of the Divisions and fall into decay and poverty so that they become chargeable they are not to stay any longer there but to return into [the] other Division which they came out of before and to be maintained for the future at the proper Charges of the Inhabitants thereof -

In witness whereof the Overseers named the Churchwardens of the parish and other Inhabitants of each Division to these Articles tripartite subscribe their names the sixteenth Day of Aprill in the year of our Lord God 1696.

	Thomas Jackson		Robert Collinson	Mich ^l ____son
Overseers	Peter Wardell	Church-	Jona: Ewbanke	Tho ^s R_____
	James Johnson	wardens	Will: Bell	Jo: Bir[d]
	Michael Aiskill		Jo ^s Walker	John T[horn]burrow
	Jeffry Waistell			

Math Smith, Rob^l Dickinson, John Snowdan, Jeffry Shaw Memorand[um] That this is a true and perf[ect] Copy of the Original

The Tithe Commissioners later commented – ‘The apportionment for the Township of Stainmore does not include the lands transferred from it by the Agreement of 1758 to Brough and Hillbeck being about 700 acres with extensive common rights.’ (later restored for the Tithe commutation)

