

Obligation, John Vaughn, Blacksmith, for Relocation of Thomas Brown, wife and 2 children to Portsmouth from Great Britain dated 1/19/1715

Box 2—1700's

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Know all men by those present that I, John Vaughan, of Portsmouth on Rhode Island in the colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in New England in America, blacksmith, do hereby own and acknowledge myself to owe and justly stand indebted unto William Sanford, Town Treasurer of the town of Portsmouth aforesaid and to his successors in the said office in the trust, just and full sum of hundred pounds sterling to be paid unto the said William Sanford, Town Treasurer, or unto his successors in the said office for the time being to which payment well and truly will be made. I, said John Vaughan, do hereby binde myself, my heirs, executors and administrators and every of us firmly by those present. In Witness, I, the said John Vaughan, have hereunto left my hand and seal this ninth day of the eleventh month called January, 1715/6.

The condition of the above written obligation is such that whereas the above bounder, John Vaughan, hath brought into this Township of Portsmouth one Thomas Brown, who saith he hath a wife and two children in the town of [Acle?] in Great Britain and settled him the said brown in his house in this township. Therefore the abovesaid John Vaughan, his heirs, executors or administrators shall and do from time to time and at all times for ever here after by virtue of those present, save and keep himself the said William Sanford, Town Treasurer, and his successors in the said office for the time being, and also all the free inhabitants of the said Town of Portsmouth, from any loss of charges concerning the maintaining of the said Thomas Brown or his wife and children. That then this above written obligation to be null, void and of none effect, or else to stand and remain in full force, power and virtue in the law.

Signed, sealed and delivered: the day and year above written by the said John Vaughan in the presence of Robert Durfee.

*The mark of Benjamin Shearman

Signed by:
John Vaughan
Benjamin Shearman

Portsmouth in the Colony of Rhode Island

The above named John Vaughan personally appeared the day and year above written and acknowledged the above written instrument to be his voluntary act and deed, hand and seal, before me.

Signed by:
William Sanford