

**W**HEREAS it appears unto us whose Names are hereunto subscribed, two of his majesty's Justices of the peace for the County of Devon aforesaid, (one whereof is of the Quorum) and both residing in or next unto the Limits of the Parish Church of *Linton* in the said County, as well upon the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Linton* as upon the Oath of *Maria Crocombe* of the said Parish, Singlewoman, that she on the *twenty third* Day of *December* *now last past 1818* was delivered of a male Bastard child, within the Parish of *Linton* which child is now living and *Actually* chargeable to the said Parish, and further that *me, John Blackmore* of the *said* Parish of *Linton* in the County of *Devon yeoman* did beget the said Bastard Child on her body.

AND Whereas the said *John Blackmore* hath been duly summoned to appear before us this day to shew cause (if any) why he should not be the reputed Father of the said bastard Child, and that otherwise an order would be made on him towards the maintenance of the same, and hath appeared in pursuance of such summons *but hath not* shewn any sufficient cause why he should not be the reputed Father hereof.

WE therefore, upon Examination of the cause and circumstances of the premises as well upon the Oath of the said *Maria Crocombe* as otherwise, do hereby adjudge him the said *John Blackmore* to be the reputed Father of the said Bastard Child;

AND thereupon we do order, as well for the better relief of the said parish of *Linton* as for the sustentation and maintenance of the said Bastard Child, that the said *John Blackmore* shall, and do forthwith, upon notice of this our order, pay or cause to be paid unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of *Linton* or to some or one of them the sum of *two* pounds *one* shillings and *six* pence for and towards the lying-in of the said *Marie Crocombe* and the maintenance of the said Bastard Child, to the time of making this our order, and for the charge thereof.

AND we do also hereby further order that the said *John Blackmore* shall likewise pay or cause to be paid unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of *Linton* for the time being, or to some or one of them the sum of *one shilling and six pence* weekly and every week from the present time, for and towards the keeping, sustentation and maintenance of the said Bastard Child, for and during for so long time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the Parish.

AND we do further order that the said *Maria Crocombe* shall also upon the notice of this our order, pay or cause to be paid unto the said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said parish of *Linton* for the time being, or to some or one of them the sum of *sixpence* weekly and every week so long time as the said Bastard Child shall be chargeable to the said Parish, in case she shall not nurse and take care of the Child herself.

GIVEN under our hands and seals the first day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

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