

Years for such a space of time as the said Justices shall judge proper not exceeding the time they shall respectively attain the age of Twenty-one Years during which time they shall be Obligated faithfully and Industriously to discharge their Service as other indented persons within this Colony are. And be it Provided And Enacted that if any Such Person or Persons within the age of Twenty-one Years are already become useful Subjects and are able to Maintain themselves by their labour without Continuing a Burthen to the publick then the respective Justices Shall by this Act have no power to bind out any Such Person or Persons but are directed and Required to leave them to Support themselves by their own Industry and Labour. And be it further enacted by the Authority Aforesaid that the Said Justices are hereby directed and required to treat the said people committed to their care with all the justice in their power. Observing to make the most favorable Contracts for them both as to time of Service and the Consideration to be paid them when their time of Service Shall be expired whether it be in Implements of Trade Clothing or other Gratuity."

We shall see the use which the magistrates of Westchester and Orange made of this Act, in sending out to service one hundred and ten young Acadians, fifty-eight girls and fifty-two boys "lately returned August, 1756, with the families of French Neutrals from Georgia." Their names