

reasonable cause to be allowed by a justice of the peace^e: but they may part by consent, or make a special bargain.

2. ANOTHER species of servants are called *apprentices* (from *apprendre*, to learn) and are usually bound for a term of years, by deed indented or indentures, to serve their masters, and be maintained and instructed by them. This is usually done to persons of trade, in order to learn their art and mystery; and sometimes very large sums are given with them, as a premium for such their instruction: but it may be done to husbandmen, nay to gentlemen, and others. And^h children of poor persons may be apprenticed out by the overseers, with consent of two justices, till twenty four years of age, to such persons as are thought fitting; who are also compellable to take them: and it is held, that gentlemen of fortune, and clergymen, are equally liable with others to such compulsionⁱ: for which purposes our statutes have made the indentures obligatory, even though such parish-apprentice be a minor^j. Apprentices to trades may be discharged on reasonable cause, either at request of themselves or masters, at the quarter sessions, or by one justice, with appeal to the sessions^k; who may, by the equity of the statute, if they think it reasonable, direct restitution of a ratable share of the money given with the apprentice^l: and parish apprentices may be discharged in the same manner, by two justices^m. But if an apprentice, with whom less than ten pounds hath been given, runs away from his master, he is compellable to serve out his time of absence, or make satisfaction for the same, at any time within seven years after the expiration of his original contractⁿ.

3. A THIRD species of servants are *labourers*, who are only hired by the day or the week, and do not live *intra moenia*, as

^e Stat. 5 Eliz. c. 4.

^h Stat. 5 Eliz. c. 4. 43 Eliz. c. 2. 1 Jac. I. c. 25. 7 Jac. I. c. 3. 8 & 9 W. & M. c. 30. 2 & 3 Ann. c. 6. 4 Ann. c. 19. 17 Geo. II. c. 5.

ⁱ Salk. 57. 491.

^j Stat. 5 Eliz. c. 4. 43 Eliz. c. 2. Cro. Car. 179.

^k Stat. 5 Eliz. c. 4.

^l Salk. 67.

^m Stat. 20 Geo. II. c. 19.

ⁿ Stat. 6 Geo. III. c. 26.