

LABORER RENTED A COW

HAWN RICE, p 125, laborer at Hopewell Furnace, was different from all others in that he "RENTED" a cow one summer, paying for its use in January 1785. This MILK supply cost him one Pound, about \$2.66. He probably lived nearby, bought three pairs of shoes <sup>children's and one of woman's</sup> and had shoes repaired. The three small pairs cost about \$2.50, seven Shillings a pair. Beef by the pound and the quarter at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  pence a pound went to his house as did candle tallow. \* The purchase of an empty barrel suggests that he corned the beef. He and/or his family required the services of Dr. Christian Baum ( of Baumstown on the Philadelphia Pike) costing 16/9, about \$2.17. His pay was forty Pounds a year, but he worked only two pay periods, 2 months and 25 days for 9.11.7 and an unstated time for 6.16.11, for a total of about \$46.66. He drew NO cash and did not drink or use tobacco. At Journal's end, he owed Mark Bird six Shillings, about .78.