

Liber P. C. R. Cager v. Black Att a Co^{rt} held att Newtowne for the County of S^t Marys, the 11th of March 1661

Present Cott W^m Evans } M^r Tho Dent
 M^r J^{no} Abington } M^r Luke Gardner } Com^{rs}
 M^r Tho: Turner } M^r Rich. LLoyd }

p. 1062 and Effect a Cropp with them, he the said Black did not only neglect his said Employ^{nt} but tooke of his said Servants from all obedience and duty, And further animated them to villifye and abuse him and his wife as by Evidence will fully appeare, which practices & abuses of his haue not only injured, and Endangered his Repute and well being, but dampnified him and Engaged him in Controversies, and expensive Suite att Lawe, which he humbly prayeth may be considered by an able Jury and that he may receive his damage and Cost of suite And he shall pray &c.

Articles of agreem^t made and agreed and Concluded vpon Betweene Robert Cager of S^t Marys in the Province of Maryland of the one parte, and W^m Black of the other parte

Impr. It is Concluded covenanted and agreed upon by and betweene the said partyes, And the said William Black doth hereby Covenante conclude and agree to and with the said Robert Cager that he the s^d W^m Black shall and will Liue, with the said Robert Cager as an Overseer to plant a Cropp of tobacco, and Corne with his the said Robert Cagers servants to see the said Cropp struck and finished

Itt is alsoe concluded upon that the s^d W^m Black shall att signing hereof haue deliuered into his possōn seaven Servants men and boyes to be wholly employed in and aboute the said Crop, by the said W^m Black untill the said Crop be completed, and finished.

It is alsoe agreed that in consideracōn of the said W^m Blacks care and paynes, over and with the s^d Servants that he the s^d Robert Cager doth hereby agree to allowe vnto the s^d W^m Black one whole Share and halfe a mans Share of the cropp of tobacco made, and one whole Share of Corne allwayes provided that if John the New hand should happen to dye before then the

p. 1063 It is agreed vpon that the said Robert Cager is to allowe W^m Black, and his wife their dyett In consideracōn whereof the said W^m Blacks wife is to dress the Servants victualls, and to wash their cloathes the s^d Robert Cager putt in six milch Cowes into the hands of the said W^m Black In wittnes whereof wee haue Interchangeably sett our hands this 19th of Aprill 1661 Robert Cager W^m Black
 Signed in the p^rsence of us Hen: Hide W^m Palmer.

Francis Fisher sworne and Examined this 25th of February 1661 Sayth That W^m Black did bid M^r Cagers servants, cutt them every one a Clubb to knock their Master on the head he haueing a Clubb with a nayle att the end of itt himselfe And moreover sayd itt was a good deed to poyson their Master, and to that intent made two Pones