

haue had a greate pte of the debt abated, if they would haue payd the Remynder (as M^r Langworth confessed in the Governors p^rsence) when they had tobaccoes enough in their hands; and much more then would haue satisfyed the def^{ts} bond which vnder favor he maketh bold to Instance that he conceiveth they ought to haue payd before any single bill or other debt and that they might haue the less p^rsence for doing the Orphant this wrong I proffered to take & keepe him [as] I kept my owne children without any charge to the Estate

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But before he proceedeth to answere yo^r Co^mand he humbly craueth that there may be noc accpcōns nor advantages in lawe taken against him which granted he will wth Gods Assistance make a true answere to each perticuler as the Comptt requireth as fully as he is abell

To his first Complaynt I answere upon my oathe That the bargaine Betweene John Greenwell and I touching the land in question was conditionall thus that for Eight thousand pounds of tobacco and caske to be payd att three severall payments, as they are mencōned in a Bond, the aforesaid Land should be his, And if he fayled of any of the three paym^{ts} the Inheritance was to remayne to the vse of me and my heires, And to the end wee might make this our bargaine the more cleare in case of mortallity wee according to the best of our Judgem^{ts} performed itt in this manner, as wee then thought might be to the benefitt of each party, First I delivered John Greenwell the deeds of the land with possōn, afterwards John Greenwell redeliu^{ed} me possōn with a deed (that I haue to showe) To the vse of me and my heires the possōn was performed in this manner in the p^rsence of M^r Walter Hall, W^m Thompson M^{rs} Grinwell, and W^m Wennam, John Grinwell went forth of the howse and all the rest of the company with him to give me lawfull possōn; and I lockt the doore to take depose that afterwards I heare a Condi^cōn for one thousand pounds of tobacco & caske w^{ch} John Greenwell owed me for the hyre of a servant which Condi^cōn M^r Langworth desired should be cancelld and discounted vpon the Tobacco in my hands received by me before John Greenwells death wherevnto I condescended, and itt was then p^rsently cancelld One hhd more was due vnto me from John Greenwell for hoggs which M^r Langworth payd to M^r Gardner on my Accompt not long before his death as M^r Gardner informed me further I affirme that I did showe vnto Coronall Evan's and M^r Langworth a true and just Acc^o of all tobaccoes received by me from John Greenwell in Co^{tt} Euans his howse when they were both together they might haue knowne if they pleased what was due vpon the Condi^cōn of land, and I doe affirme upon my oathe th^t I haue never to my knowledge concealed the vallue of one pound of tobacco to wrong John Greenwell or his children

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