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John Baker late of St Maryes County otherwise
Called John Baker of the Citty of St Marys
Gentl was sumoned to answere unto Nicholas
Maneire of a plea that he hold to him the covenant according to the force forme and effect of Certaine Articles of agreement betweene them made.

And Whereupon the said Nicholas by Robert Carvile his Attorney sayth that Whereas by Certaine Articles of agreement Indented made the five and twentyeth day of September in the yeare of our Lord One Thousand six hundred and eighty betweene the said John Baker of the one part & the said Nicholas Maneire of the other part One part whereof signed wth the seale of the said John Baker the said Nicholas bringeth here into Court Whose date is the day & yeare abovesaid Itt is Witnessed that the said John Baker being posessed of a Certaine Plantacon at st Jeromes in the said County Called Warners Plantacon & the said Nicholas and his wife being then at present destitute of a place of abideing, And haveing one servant of his owne It was thereby Covenanted Concluded and agreed upon betweene the said partyes that the said Nicholas should forthwith with his said wife & servant together wth his Child Enter upon the said Plantacon and there should live & remaine for & Dureing the space of ffive yeares if the said Nicholas should soe long live Dureing such time the said Nicholas should and all those undr him should Mannage Till and Manure the said Plantacon to the best advantage that he could or might In all wch time the said John Baker his heires Executors or Admrs should have and receive the one halfe & Cleare Movety of all & singuler the graine and things that should be made upon the said plantacon Except what should be for the Necessary provision of him the said Nicholas & his wife & all his family upon the said Plantacon, And the said John Baker should then Imediately put on one servant with the said Nicholas & him or some other finde in his place dureing the said Terme of five yeares, And also the said John after the Tenth day of January then next Should provide and put on with the said Nicholas one other servant & the said Two servants maintaine & uphold untill the said five yeares should be Compleated and Ented (that is to say) If either of the said servants should Dye or be ffree the said John Baker to finde others in their Roomes after Convenient time of Notice thereof from the said Nicholas Also the said John Baker to finde the said two servants in Clothes Dureing the said time, That the said John Baker should allowe and finde to the said Nicholas three horses a plough and a Cart, Also in Two yeares foure steers to be broke to the Yoake by the said Nicholas, also to deliver to the said Nicholas for the Provissions of his Two servants the Then yeare ffive barrells of Corne p. 469 and Two hundred weight of meate, & Also to furnish the said Nicholas with what Corne & Meate he should have Occasion for that