

Articles of agreement made & concluded by & between
of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland of the one part
William: Swetnam. Esq. Lewis. Esq. & Esq. Rayman of the other part

Impressed the said Ralph: Milborne do for him self his Heirs the. Covenant
with the said Andrews: Dorrison. William: Swetnam. Esq. Lewis Esq. & Esq.
their Heirs or Assigns, that he the said Ralph: Milborne, shall fully build
be a Boat, a certain b-sell now on the stocks at the town of Snow hill in so
aforesaid. He the said Ralph: Milborne hereby Covenanting to find all such material
as is here expressed (viz) all & all manner of Timber, plank, boards, pitch, Tar, &
whatsoever else is requisite for the said b-sell, to the finishing & launching thereof,
hitherto the workmanship & the hire & payment of the said Workmen & until the
Boat or b-sell shall be launched & floated in the Water.

Item the said Andrews: Dorrison. William: Swetnam. Esq. Lewis Esq. & Esq. Rayman
do: for them selves their Heirs & Covenant & agree to write the said Ralph: Milborne
that for & in consideration of the above mentioned promises & the performance of the
building & completing & finishing of the above specified Boat or b-sell jointly to find
& buy all & all manner of nails, spikes, bolts & Iron work, whatsoever be it completing &
finish the said b-sell as above (always provided the said Ralph: Milborne his Heirs or
Assigns paying & finding their part & proportion of the said Nails, spikes, bolts & Iron
work whatsoever according to the part that he to himself shall retain: & held the said
Andrews: Dorrison. William: Swetnam. Esq. Lewis Esq. & Esq. Rayman do: further Covenant
& agree to write the said Ralph: Milborne, that they shall & will pay or cause to be paid
the sum of One pound fifteen Shillings p Pence for building & finding as above, &
for Confirmation thereof have (at the ordering & delivery hereof) paid unto the said
Milborne the sum: of forty pounds Current money of the Province of Maryland, And as
Lawfully & when the said Boat or b-sell shall be floated as above, then they hereby
them selves their Heirs the. Covenant to pay the remainder according to the said Boat
b-sell shall measure by rule, at the rate of One pound fifteen Shillings (Current
of Maryland) p Pence as aforesaid. The said Ralph: Milborne by these Obligings binds
the said Boat or b-sell shall be launched & in the Water floated by the last day of
not exceeding the date hereof (always provided that the said Boat or b-sell shall be