

and Avalon &c: Annoque Domini 1686/7 Between Major Thomas Taylor Stewart of Dorchester County on the behalf of the said County of the one part and Capt Anthony Dawson of the said County of the other part Witnesseth That the said Capt Anthony Dawson for diverse good Causes and Considerations him thereunto moving but more especially for and in Consideration of the Sum of Twenty Six Thousand pounds of Tobacco, agreed upon to be paid unto him the said Anthony Dawson, by the said Maj^r. Tho. Taylor on the behalf of the said County for and in Consideration of his the said Anthony Dawson his Erecting and building a Courthouse att the town of Cambridge within said County of Dorch^r. according to the Dimentions hereafter mentioned and Expressed, Hath Given Granted Bargained sold and by these Presents Doth for himself his heirs &c. clearly and absolutely give grant Bargain and sells unto him the said Tho. Taylor his heirs and Assignes all that tract or parcel of Land containing by Estimation Three hundred and twenty five Acres the same being the moiety or one half part of a tract of Land which he the said Anthony Dawson bought or purchased of one Thos. Walker of this County commonly called or known by the name of Alexanders place situate lyeing and being on Transquaken River within the said County of Dorch^r. on the North west Branch of the Said River beginning att a marked Pohiccory tree standing by the Waterside on the North West Branch of the said River and running up the Branch Ninety seven Perches and a half North and by West thence West and by South Five hundred and thirty four Perches, thence Southward by East Ninety seven Perches, and a half thence running East and by North five hundred thirty one Perches to the first marked Pohiccory and also he the said Anthony Dawson Doth further Give Grant, bargain and sell unto him the said Maj^r. Thomas Taylor for the use of the Said County all that messuage, Tenement or Dwelling house belonging unto him the Said Anthony Dawson scituate lyeing and being in the Town of Cambridge aforesaid, with all and every its rights members and Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appurtaining, which said Tenement or Dwelling house is now in the tenure and Occupation of Mr. Thomas Cooke of this County To have and to hold all and singular the said tract of Land Cont: by Estimation three hundred and twenty five Acres with the aforesaid house above hereby bargained and Sold with all and singular the hereditaments and Appurtenances whatsoever to the same respectively belonging or in any wise appertaining & every part thereof to him the said Major Thos. Taylor to and for the only use and behoof of him the said Major Thos^s. Taylor on the behalf of the said County of Dorchester his heirs and assigns for evermore. Provided always and it is the full intent and meaning of these presents by and between as well he the within menconed Anthony Dawson on his own behalf as he the above mentioned Maj^r. Thos^s. Taylor on the behalf of the said County of Dorch^r. that if the said Anthony Dawson his heirs Ex^{rs}. and Adm^{rs}. will well and truly build erect and Accomplish a Court house for the use of the said County of Dorchester att the town of Cambridge according to the Demention hereafter & herein menconed and Expressed by the first Day of March which shall be in the year of our Lord God One Thousand Six hundred and Eighty Seven, and Eighty Eight that is to say the said Court house to be built and erected forty foott in length and twenty four foot in Breadth the two floors above and below to be laid with Plank and four large Windows below, and one small Casement Window, with two large Casements to each window, and two large transom Windows above one at each [end?], and the Chambers to be sealed with rived Boards one large pair of Stairs with Rails and Banisters, inclosures for the Stairs and Closett. One large table Inclosed with rails and Banisters, and Seats inclosed, likewise, Seats for the Justices with a Judges Chair Going up two or three Stepps with rails and Banisters before and Sides of the house up to the plaster to be lathed and Plaistered with a large Porch att the end of the house with rails and Banisters about it likewise all Glaziers Work Carpenters Work Smiths Work and Painters Work whatsoever, as shall to the Judgment of Workmen be adjudged necessary or convenient for the said Building, and that he the said Capt. Anthony Dawson find himself Provision Timber and Nalles, and all materialls for the said Building then this present Deed and every Part and Parcel thereof to be fully and absolutely void null and of no Effect and the said Anthony Dawson the said tract of Land with the said house and Premises hereby bargained as aforesaid to have again repossess, and Enjoy as his own Proper Estate, or Estates, anything in these presents to the Contrary Contained in any wise Notwithstanding, In Witness whereof the aforesaid Parties to the Presents have interchangeably sett their hands & Seals the day and year first above written.⁶

⁶ Dorchester County Land Record No. 1, Old, 1689-1683, 148-49, Ms.