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Whereas m^o James Round Petitioner has sh^o that the Road being soe near his house y^e he cannot
make any convenient way for y^e management of his bandry w^o he intend^o to manage as a l^o
that he intend^o to sett up a water mill which he supposeth might make the Road where now it is
unpassable therefore humbly craves order that this w^o Court will grant him leave to turn
the Road; This Court taking the premises into their serious Consideration: doe grant leave
And that John Cropper & Richard Hill doe see the Road may be conveniently marked out

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William Thomas p^o J^o Josias Seaward p^o
Richard Harris de^o James Langford de^o

It is Comanded that the Sheriff of this County Cause to come here Twelve good & Lawfull men to trye the issue
betweene William Thomas p^o & Richard Harris de^o which Jury were Impanelled & Sworne vizt John
John: Evans: William Gullet: Craven: Martha: John: Sorman: plant: Robert Smith: John: Cruten: Daniel: S. 1683
Samuel Handij: William: Walton: Daniel: Denis: William: Keene: J^o read vizt

Somerset County s^o Richard Harris of the County aforesaid was summoned to answer
unto William Thomas of an action of Covenant or

And where upon the said William Thomas by Josias Seaward his Attorney Complaineth that whereas y^e
said William Thomas and the above named Richard Harris did upon the 19th day of March Anno: 1682
did enter into certain articles Covenants & agreements as by a certain Indenture bearing date above
and being here in C^o produced: vizt Articles of agreement had made Covenants indented & concluded
on and by and betweene William Thomas of y^e County of Somerset and Province of Maryland plant
of the one part And Richard Harris of the County & Province aforesaid of the other part this 19th day of March
1682 Writhesth: Imp^o he the said Harris doth Covenant and Indent to and with the said W^m Thomas
to sett him the said W^m Thomas have three hands: to w^o Thomas Barnes and John: the other
Negroe woman now in the possession of him the said Harris which hands are to be at y^e ordering
him the said William Thomas as to their work & managing of a lopp here upon the plantation now in the
occupation of him the said Richard Harris with all the cleared ground: houses & necessaries therunto belonging
for y^e making of a lopp and curing & severing the same: to have and possess the said lands houses w^o
them convenientes aforesaid until y^e 15th of November next ensuing the date hereof above written
Secondly the said W^m Thomas doth Covenant & oblige himselfe with y^e said hands to beat all the Cypers y^e
shall be beaten upon the plantation belonging to y^e said Richard Harris w^o he y^e said W^m Thomas shall have
the said hands in his possession: ordering: after he the said W^m Thomas doth oblige himselfe or some of the hands
shall by his order at all times when it shall be required hewed and gett wood for the fire: Thirdly he the
Richard Harris doth Covenant and promise y^e if y^e houses now upon the plantation will not contain y^e Cellars
y^e shall be made by him y^e said W^m Thomas with y^e aforesaid hands y^e towards the building of another house
that the said Richard Harris shall be at y^e charge to hire a Carpenter and pay for fitting of sidge and nails
to make the fastnes upon the roofe he y^e said W^m Thomas is to be at all other charge of building y^e s^o
houses w^o shall have occasion to build as to getting of timber fetching of sidge: lime or such like: 4th
he the s^o Richard Harris doth Covenant & oblige himselfe to finde him the said William Thomas sufficient
ditt washing and lodging and tooles for the said three hands: to w^o y^e tooles y^e they have now to work
with for the said term of time above written and also for ditt washing & lodging for the said hands
wholly at his the s^o Richard Harris his Cost & Charge: 5th he the said W^m Thomas doth promise &
agree that y^e Negroe woman shall at all time and times when it is required shall wash or help to
wash what Cottes there shall belong to his y^e said Richard Harris his family: 6th he the s^o W^m
Thomas doth Covenant and agree to mend or make afresh about y^e orchard sufficient to preserve it from
Rogg or Roes: 7th he the said W^m Thomas doth Covenant and oblige himselfe his heirs exors &
& adm^o finally by these presents for y^e Consideration of the aforesaid hands and promises to pay or cause
to be paid unto y^e said Richard Harris or his order y^e full & Just Summe of six hundred pounds