

**Articles** of Covenant and Accord betwene the said xiiij. Knights and Burgesses of the Towne of Colyton  
 upon the fifth day of May in the Seignte year of the Reigne  
 of our Soueraine Lord James the Seconde by the grace of God of England Scotland  
 France and Ireland King Defender of the faith and **betwene**  
 William the younger Esq. William Drabs gent. Thomas Dampston gent. Thomas  
 Marwood of Blunquy gent. William Pratt squire. Richard the younger sonnes  
 Harant Chene Esq. Thomas Newton the younger John Steate. Phillip Warden  
 the younger and John Leds of Knolle resumato and regent ssofices of Colyton  
 of the pish lands of Colyton in the County of Devon of the one pte **and**  
 Sir Courtney pole Baron & William Drake An. John pole Esq. Edmund Wall and  
 the Esq. of Colyton Esq. John pole Esq. Sir Barthol. Esq. Daniel Marwood  
 gent. Thomas Comfurd gent. John Marwood of Bree gent. William Bagwell the  
 Esq. Richard Newton the Esq. Phillip Mitche the Esq. John Colwell John Abbot  
 Nicholas Sampson Thomas Sparrowe William Dooage the younger of Westley gent  
 Charles Godd and Richard Curad beinge all xij. honours or such as themselves or  
 parents have staid in the pish of Colyton aforesaid whiche are commonly called or  
 knowne by the name of Twentie men of the said pish of Colyton of the other pte  
 as followeth.

**Imprimis**

It is agreed betwene the said xiiij. Knights of the pish of Colyton  
 of the said xij. Esq. Colton with bee putt in surt convenient place as shall bee in the said pish or  
 most pte of the same thought most fitte & safe for the keepinge and preservinge of the same pish and  
 spoile of our pish and other casualtye shalldone there to bee kepte three like and three  
 keyes to the pish of the pish of the said pish of Colyton that now bee or whiche shal be  
 forever more of the said keyes one shall remaine in the custodye of the said ssofices and the  
 other two keyes in the severall custodye of surt of the said Twentie men as shall bee thought  
 most convenient to the aforesaid ssofices and Twentie men or the more parte of them.

**Item** It is also agreed betwene the said xiiij. Knights that for the receipt of the pish of Colyton  
 casualtye & profit of all the pish lands of Colyton aforesaid one or two Bayliffe or Bayliffes  
 shall bee chosen and upon yearly the the one day next after Easter day by the said ssofices  
 and Twentie men or the more pte of the same ssofices and Twentie men for the tyme beinge  
 the said Bayliffe or Bayliffes shall continue and execute the said Office one whole year or longer  
 tyme if it shall bee thought good and convenient to the same ssofices and Twentie men  
 or the most pte of them and the said Bayliffe or Bayliffes shalldone thereunto the same  
 Bayliffe or Bayliffes shall also come every year in wthnes or they shall bee Bayliffe or Bayliffes  
 viewe all and singuler the said pish lands of Colyton to see whether any wayt spoile or  
 destruction bee done in or upon any of the same lands and if any wayt spoile or  
 destruction bee done in or upon any of the same lands in byson or otherwise the said  
 or other Malicial things bee found in byson or otherwise the said lands in pish of  
 the pish of Colyton aforesaid to signifye the same to some of the said ssofices and Twentie  
 men the next Sunday followinge after such wast delay or other Malicial things set  
 to the end that ssooddy reformacion of surt abuse may bee had within said Bayliffe or Bayliffes  
 shall have surt yearly fee and allowance for more travel in and aboute the execution of  
 or their said Office as other Bayliffe or Bayliffes heretofore have had or more if it shall bee  
 thought good by the said ssofices and Twentie men or the more pte of them.

**Item** It is likewise agreed betwene the said xiiij. Knights that the said Bayliffe or Bayliffes  
 tyme to tyme shal be chosen and chosen before here or they shall intermeddle or have  
 to doe wth the said Office shall enter into bond to one of the said ssofices or to one  
 of the said Twentie men or to both in surt a sufficient sume of money as shall bee equal  
 to his or their pish to bringe in and give xxx l. into such Chancery ad shall bee appointed  
 a ssoficer and his ssoficer of all and singuler the forenamed pish of Colyton casualtye and  
 suite of lawe and that the same ssoficer shall yearly bee made and delivered to the said  
 ssofices wth in eight and Twentie dayes after Easter day. wth ssoficer the said ssoficer shall  
 receive xx s. and that wth wth wth ssoficer any default faults or errors therein shall he shal  
 make the same knowne unto the said Bayliffe or Bayliffes to the end the said Bayliffe or Bayliffes  
 may reforme and amend the same and thereupon the said Bayliffe or Bayliffes shall wth  
 forty dayes after Easter day yearly soe longe as hee or they shall bee Bayliffe or Bayliffes  
 receive and take the said ssoficer for the year next before soe many of the said  
 ssofices and Twentie men as shall bee pish wth said ssoficer soe beinge audited & ssoficer  
 received or cleared the said ssofices and Twentie men havinge the keyes of the said  
 pish there to remaine to bee ssoficer and writings shall lay xxx l. into the pish  
 of money remaininge and upon every surt ssoficer shall forthwith bee paid & delivered  
 to the ssoficer as shall bee appointed in that behalf.

**Item** It is also agreed betwene the said xiiij. Knights that before any lease or grant of any pte of the  
 said pish lands of Colyton shall pass or be letten to any person or persons in pish that the said  
 ssofices and Twentie men or the most pte of them shall at some convenient tyme or tyme meete & confer  
 their advice and counsaill what shall bee thought most fitte to bee done in that behalf. Of which meetings  
 and conference soe to bee had the vicar minister or pish clerke for the tyme beinge shall give

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 pish of Colton  
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 Bayliffes  
 shall continue  
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the p'son shall or may receive by such lease or purchase the same to be paid to the p'son by the  
the use of the p'son of the said p'son  
Item it is also agreed between the said parties that if any of the said p'sons or twenty men at  
any time from henceforth in any general meeting or otherwise to be had for or about the said p'son  
lands or any things belonging or pertaining to the same shall misbehave himselfe either in swearing  
or blaspheming the name of god or in abusing or insulting any party by unparliamentary words that  
then every such p'son and p'sons so offending shall forfeit and lose to the p'son of the said p'son  
six pence of silver money for every time that he or they shall so offend the same  
money to be paid to the said p'son by the use of the p'son a few p'son

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Item it is further resolved and agreed upon by and between the said parties that if shall and  
may be lawful from time to time to one for the said p'son or to any one for the time being to  
buy the said p'son and p'sons land and expound it as is provided by way of distress to be  
taken by the p'son and p'sons of the said p'son contrary to the said agreement and articles  
distress and distress the said p'son or p'sons shall and may detain and keep until the said  
p'son and p'sons are satisfied for the loss and forfeiture shall be well and truly satisfied and paid  
to the use of the said p'son

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Item Moreover it is agreed upon between the said parties that these articles and such other  
articles as shall be made hereafter by the said twenty men and p'sons is now seen hereafter  
shall be or by the more parts of them shall come to be read before the p'son of the said p'son  
at any time or at any more of them as he or they shall think fit at such convenient time and times as by the  
said p'son and twenty men living or by the more parts of them shall be thought meet and  
convenient and if at any time they think it good new articles to be made and the old to be  
abolished or reformed as time and occasion shall require and as by the said p'son and  
twenty men or the more parts of them shall be thought expedient for the use of them be  
made contrary to the law of the land or to the hurt or hindrance of the common good of the  
p'son of the said p'son

And the said Edmond walton the younger William Drake Thomas Sampson Thomas Marwood  
Francis Pratt Francis Bagwell the younger Hodges Farrant Allen Abbott in hard Newton the  
younger John Drake Phillippe Mitchell the younger and John Good foresaid of or for the said p'son  
promise and grante each of them severally and respectively for himselfe his heirs Executors and  
Assigns and with the said Richard Pole William Drake John Pole Edmond walton the younger  
Gideon Bagwell John Rose the said Richard Pole William Drake John Pole Edmond walton the younger  
Gideon Bagwell Francis Pratt Francis Bagwell the younger Hodges Farrant Allen Abbott in hard Newton the younger  
John Drake Phillippe Mitchell the younger and John Good and every of them from time to time shall well  
truly observe performe fulfill and keep all and every the articles and agreements aforesaid  
according to the intent purpose and true meaning of the same which on their and every  
parts of their parts and behalfs are to be performed fulfilled and kept

And the said Richard Pole William Drake John Pole Edmond walton the younger Gideon Bagwell  
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In witness whereof all the parties aforesaid to these present articles and agreements  
have subscribed their own hands and seals the day and years first above  
written the third day of June 1686

Edmond walton the younger  
William Drake  
John Sampson

Richard Pole

John Rose  
Philippe Mitchell  
Francis Bagwell  
Richard Newton  
Thomas Sampson

Thomas Marwood  
Francis Pratt  
Francis Bagwell the younger  
Hodges Farrant

John Drake  
Phillippe Mitchell the younger  
John Good

John Rose  
Philippe Mitchell  
Francis Bagwell  
Richard Newton  
Thomas Sampson

Allen Abbott  
Richard Newton the younger  
John Drake

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