Articles of Covenant made concluded & agreed upon the Tenth day of September in the yeares of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland Kinge defender of the faith &c. the Three & Twentieth, Betweene William Stocker of Ottery in the County of Devon husbandman of the p[arte] One Part And Barnard Dassell John Cox John Affreale John Halsen & Nicholas Samson of the parishe of Colyton in the said County yeomen of the other p[arte] witnesseth as followeth.

Imprimis the said William Stocker for the Consideracon of the sume of five pounds of good & lawfull money of England to him in hand paide wherof he acknowledgeth himselfe fullie satisfied by theis presents, And for the yearlie Rent of Ten Shillings of good & lawfull money & other the Covenants & Agreements hereafter in theis presents mentioned & expressed, doth hereby for himselfe his executors & Administrators & for ev[e]ry & either of them Covenant Promise grante & agree to & with the said Barnard Dassell John Cox, John Affreale John Halsen & Nicholas Samson & ev[e]ry & either of them their & ev[e]ry & either of their executors Administrators & Assignes & ev[e]ry & either of them by theis presents, That he the said William Stocker his executors or assignes, Shall & will before the first day of November nowe next ensuinge bringe & conveye or cause to be brought & conveyed into the Towne of Colyton aforesaid for a Continuall watercourse sufficiente & reasonable Streame quantitie & proportion of water as conveniently may be had & taken & spared from the Lake Springe or watercourse at Cyfrate called Yedmore Mead, in the parishe of Colyton aforesaid, And from thence conveyed & brought to the End of the Street neere the northwest end of the dwellinge howses standes Westroate in Colyton Towne aforesaid, whereby the said streame or watercourse may be from thence fitlie conveyed to many places of the said towne to serve for potwater & other necessaries And to Continue the same streame for potwater to the said Towne from the first day of November nexte comminge into the full end & terme of fower yeares nowe next ensuinge fullie to be ran & flowed, Soe as the said streame by the neglect & default of the said William Stocker or his Assignes shall not or may not be wantinge to the said Towne for potwater as aforesaid at noe one tyme above the tyme of space of one whole day next after notice & warninge thereof to be given unto a sufficient inhabitant dwellinge in the howse of James Westroate nowe of the said Towne, dureinge the saide terme, after the performance of the said worke And for the better ministeringe of the Continuance of the potwater to the said Towne in scouringe & cleansinge & mundeinge the gurte or trenche wherin the same potwater is to be carried & conveyed dureinge the said terme, The said Barnard Dassell John Cox John Affreale John Halsen & Nicholas Samson doe hereby for themselves & ev[e]ry & either of them, & ev[e]ry & either of their executors & administrators severallie & respectivelie, Covenant promise grante & agree to & with the said William Stocker his executors Administrators & Assignes & ev[e]ry & either of them by theis presents to pay or cause to be paide unto the said William Stocker his executors or assignes the full sume of yearlie Rent of Ten Shillings of good & lawfull money of England in & upon the first day of Maij at or in the Eastr[e] porte of Colyton aforesaid in each & ev[e]ry yeare dureinge the said terme of fower yeares aforesaid, And that it shall & maij be lawfull to & for the said William Stocker & his assignes from tyme to tyme & at all tymes hereafter untill the full end of the said terme of fower yeares aforesaid To have free & peaceable ingresse egresse & regresse into & upon All & ev[e]ry the Commons waste waters wardes & Closes pastures & pralls of lande meadowe & pasture grounde or any the Edges & ditches & banckes or other lande or grounde whatsoever, situate lyeinge & beinge in Colyton aforesaid be tweene the said place or Lake at Yedmore green & the North nowe west end of the dwellinge howse of the said James Westroate in Colyton aforesaid for the diggeinge gurtinge or trenchinge or makeinge of any gurte or trenche there upon in through & over the same with Eares plowe or otherwise the moste fittest & convenient waye wch to the said William Stocker his assignes shall seeme most fit, And that the said William Stocker his executors Administrators & assignes & ev[e]ry & either of them shall & maie from tyme to tyme & at all tymes hereafter peacablie & quietlie, freelie, freed acquitted & discharged & saved harmless of & from All & all manner of actions suites troubles damages incumbrances & demaundes whatsoever at any tyme or tymes hereafter shall or maie be brought prosecuted or demaunded of or against the said William Stocker his executors Administrators or assignes or any or either of them for anything matter or thinge to be done in & upon the said lande or grounde or any of them for the better carryeinge & conveyeinge of the said potwater to the said Towne at the place aforesaid, And that if the said watercourse shall happen or the said potwater diverted & turned out of the trenche or gurte wherin the same is to be carried & conveyed as aforesaid by the wilfull or voluntarie acte or deed of him or them or any within the said terme, the said William Stocker his executors & assignes shall wholie freed acquitted & discharged of & from all actions & demaundes whatsoever (may) any maie be ministred Curtfull or demaunded of him or them or either of them for the same theis presents Articles or any thinge therein contained or to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstandinge. **In witnesse** whereof the parties above said to theis presents Articles Interchangeablie their hands & seales the day & yeare first above written: 1647.

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of us:

Barnard Dassell

John Howes

John Howes his mark

Wm. Yonge

William Stocker

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