Nicholas Norwood
to
John Petty

This Indenture made this first Day of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and seventy Seven Between Nicholas Norwood of Patapsco Neck Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland Farmer of ye one part & John Petty of Sd County and Province of the other part Witnesseth That the Sd Nicholas Norwood for and in Consideration of the yearly Rent and Covenants herein after reserved and Contained on the part and Behalf of the Sd John Petty his Exrs Admrs and Asigns to be paid, observed and performed By these Presents doth Demise Grant and to Farm Letten unto Sd John Petty, Fifty Acres of Land, being part of a Parcel or Tract of Land called Dear Bit containing in the whole two Hundred & Nineteen Acres Lying and being Situate in Baltimore County & Province aforesd with all and Singular its Benefits Advantages and Appurtenances To have and to hold Sd Fifty Acres of Land before mentioned with its Benefits Advantages and Appurtenances thereto belonging or in any ways appertaining unto the Sd John Petty his Exrs Admrs and Asigns from the Date hereof for and During the Term of Fifteen years fully to be Compleated and ended Paying therefor unto Sd Nicholas Norwood his Heirs and Asigns the yearly Rent of Forty Shillings Common Money During the

(Space)

Space of Four years and afterwards the yearly Rent of Six pounds Common Money until the Expiration of the forementioned Term the Sd yearly Rent to be paid on the first Day of January in each & every year And the Sd John Petty his Exrs Admrs and Asigns do Covenant and agree well and truly to pay or cause to be paid unto the Sd Nicholas Norwood his Heirs and Asigns the yearly Rent in manner and form above mentioned & Specifyd upon the Day in each & every year above expressed. and also that he the Sd John Petty his Exrs Admrs & Asigns at his or their own proper Cost and Charges will build or Cause to be built a good Dwelling House of the Demension of Twenty by Sixteen with Chesnut Logs a plank floor Stone Chimney & Covered with Shingles and also that he the Sd John Petty his Exrs Admrs & Asigns will plant Ten Young Apple Trees each year until there are an Hundred planted For the true performance of the above Covenants the Parties bind themselves each unto the other in the Penalty of one Hundred pounds Common money In Witness whereof the above parties to these presents have Set their Hands and Seals the Date above Written

in presents of
Vincent Grene
Wm Partridge

Nichs Norwood (seal)

Received & Recorded the 21st March 1777
A Lawson Clk