

and Metanehan, and doth further condition with said Indians, that they shall have and enjoy all that cottinackees, or ground that is now planted, and have liberty to take fish and deer, ground nuts, Walnuts, and Acorns, and Sasaki-minook, or a kind of Pease, and also if any of said cattle spoyle their corne, to pay as it is worth, and that hogs shall not go on the side of Agaam but in corn time; also, the sd. Pynchon doth give to Wruthorme, two coats, over and above the said part expressed, and in witness hereof, the two said Indians and the rest, do set their hands this present 15th day of June, 1636."

The deed was signed by thirteen Indians, and also by Pynchon, Burr and Smith.

The articles of agreement between the planters of Agawam are also preserved in the Genealogical Register. The following is an abstract :

May 14, 1636.

We, whose names are underwritten, being by God's providence engaged together to make a Plantation at and over against Agawam, upon Connecticut, doe mutually agree to certayne articles and orders to be observed and kept by-us, and by our successors, except well and every of us, for ourselves, and in our own persons, shall think meet upon better reasons to alter our resolutions.

1ly. Wee intend, by God's grace, as soone as we can with all convenient speede, to procure some Godly and faithful minister, with whom we purpose to joyne in Church Covenant to walke in all the ways of Christ.

2ly. Wee intend that our town shall be composed of fourty families, or if we think meet after to alter our purpose, yet not to exceede fifty families, riche and poore.

3ly. That every inhabitant shall have a common portion for a house-lot, as we shall see meet for every one's quality and estate.

4ly. That every one that hath a house-lot, shall have a portion of the cow-pasture to ye North of Endbrooke, lying northward from the towne, and also that every one shall have a share of the hassokey marsh over against his lot, if it be to be had, and every one to have his portionable share of all the woodland.

5ly. That every one shall have a share of the meddowe, or plantinge ground, over against them as nigh as may be, on the Agaam side.

6ly. That the long meddowe called Massacksick, lying in the way to Dorchester, shall be distributed to every man as we shall think meet, except we shall find other conveniency for some, for their milch cattayle, and other cattle also.

7ly. That the meddow and pasture called Nagas, toward Pawtucket, on ye side of Agaam, lying about four miles above in the river, shall be distributed to every man as above said in ye former order, and this was altered with consent before ye hands were set to it.

[Article 8th relates to the raising of taxes.]

8ly. That, Whereas, Mr. William Pynchon, Jehue Burr, and Henry Smith, have continued to prosecute this plantation, when others fell off for fear of the difficulties, and continued to prosecute the same at great charges, and at