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or any thing that may relate to the Cause ^{of} and that reducing the severall Depositions into writing you send the same together with this
our Commission under your or any three or two of your hands to us to our County Court of Somerset with all convenient speed Witness
William Blanner Gent. One of our Justices of our County Court of Somerset the twelfth day of March in the fifth year of our
of our Dominion &c

On the backside of the foregoing Commission it was thus ordered viz Francis Allen
Witness Law Qualified 10. April 1730. before me John Keate

Somerset County &c. Depositions of Witnesses taken upon the Land called Mitchell's Adventure in the County aforesaid the
day of May and David One thousand seven hundred and thirty before us the Subscribers Commissioners appointed by the writing
of the Justices of Somerset County Court to examine Witnesses concerning the bounds of the said Land or following viz

Rendall Mitchell of Somerset County planter aged sixty nine years or thereabouts being by us sworn upon the holy
evangelist of almighty God deposed and saith that about forty eight years agoe he was present with Ed. Francis Jenkins
the then Surveyor of Somerset County when he surveyed the abovesaid tract of Land called Mitchell's Adventure at the
quest of Ed. William Steves who owned the said Land and that at that time Ed. Jenkins ordered the white Oak now in his
view to be marked on four rods as the last Bond or of the said Land which was done accordingly which said White Oak
stands in the South side of the upper Road leading from Mariner's Dam to Bromode and further with not

Rendall - R M Mitchell
marks

Edward Beachamp of the said County planter aged forty six years or thereabouts being also sworn
sworn upon the holy Evangelist of almighty God deposed and saith that the abovesaid White Oak now in his view was
shown by to him by Ed. John Keate in his lifetime severall times who then ~~was~~ always told him that the said tree
was the true bounded tree of the Land called Ed. Borne then belonging to the said Keate but now in the possession of him
the said Edward Beachamp and Edward ~~Keate~~ and further saith not

Edward Beachamp

The above Depositions were taken by us the Subscribers being first duly qualified according to law the
day and year abovesaid as witness our hands Francis Allen
Wm. Law

William Smith } Somerset County &c } Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and
Commissioner and affidavits } Avalon and Baron of Baltimore &c } To John Jones Robert King Thomas Gillis & William Furgin Junr.
Gentlemen of Somerset County Gentleman Greeting Know ye that we have appointed you or any three or two
of you to be our Commissioners to examine Evidence on behalf of Colon William Smith of the County aforesaid in relation
to the bounds of a tract of Land lying in the County aforesaid called Harlebury whereof we require you or any three or two of you
at some time and place as to you or any three or two of you shall seem convenient you met on the aforesaid Land called Harlebury
(you first having taken your Oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty God according to act of Parliament in such Case made &c
provided) and thereunto to come before you or any three or two of you all such Evidence as shall be to you or any three
or two of you nominated by the said Complainant (or defendt. if any) and that you examine them upon their Oynable Oaths
to be by you or any three or two of you administered on the holy Evangelist of almighty God in the presence of the said Complain-
ant (or defendt. if any) touching the truth or Remembrance of their knowledge or any thing that may relate to the Cause afo-
said that reducing the severall Depositions into writing you send the same together with this our Commission under your
or any three or two of your hands to us to our County Court of Somerset with all convenient speed Witness William Blanner
Gent. One of our Justices of our said Court the twelfth day of March in the fifth year of our Dominion &c
On the backside of the foregoing Commission it was ordered and to the same Commission it was annexed following
Memorandum that this 2. of May 1730 came Ed. John Jones one of the within Commissioners before me the
Subscriber