

August Court 1730 15 ..

Subscriber one of his Majesty the Lord Proprietary, Justice of the Peace for the County of Somerset and took his Oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty God that he would execute the within Commission and the powers ^{to him} therein given faithfully and impartially to the best of his Knowledge sworn to this day and Year above before me
Wm. Haughton

May 2. 1730. Came Major Robert King and Mr Thomas Gillis before the Subscriber one of his Majesty's Justice of the Peace for Somerset County and took their Oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty God that they would execute the within Commission and the powers to them therein given faithfully and justly to the best of their Knowledge -- Sworn 3 day and Year above before John Jones

John Gray sent of Somerset County aged seventy five years or thereabout deposed on the holy Evangelist of almighty God saith that when Thomas Smith was about to lose the Land called Kettlebury bought of Capt Henry Smith (laid out) ^{the} this deponent was present with them and they then run part of the above tract Beginning at the first boundary Stone of to which a marked pine that this deponent now stands by, near to which is a small red Oak sapling marked with sixteen Nails being by a few feet fence now in the possession of Robert Smith and by the side of a ledge and from thence they the said Thomas Smith and Henry Smith Run near to a branch commonly called Smiths branch and further saith not ... John Gray --

The above deposition taken before me the Subscriber this 3 day of July 1730 -

John Jones
Robert King
Thomas Gillis

Angello Alkison } Somerset Co. Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland
Commission and Affidavits -- } and avails doth order of Baltimore to To John Scott Wm Lane, Wm Hardy and Robert Mitchell
all of Somerset County Gentlemen greeting Know ye that we have appointed you or any three or two of you to be our Commissioners to examine Evidence on behalfe of certain Angello Alkison of the County aforesaid in relation to the bounds of a tract of land lying in the County aforesaid called Cooper purchase We therefore 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 meet in the aforesaid land called Cooper purchase (you first having taken your Oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty God according to act of assembly in such case made and provided) and there 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 submitted by the said Complainant (or defendt: if any) and that you examine them upon their respective 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 Complainant (or defendt: if any) touching the truth or remembrance of their knowledge or any thing that may relate to the Cause aforesaid 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 With respect Wm. Lamer Gent. one of our Justices of our said Court the twenty fourth day of November in the fiftenth Year of our Dominion and our One thousand seven hundred and twenty three

To this Commission it was answered as followeth vid.

Somerset County By Virtue of Commission from the worshipfull Justice of Somerset County to us directed to examine Witnesses concerning the bounds of a certain tract of Land called Cooper purchase belonging to Angello Alkison of the County afo and having performed what the Law in that part Requires upon our Meeting upon the said Land on the 23 day of January 1729 proceeded and took the following Depositions
William Lane aged thirty five years or thereabouts being sworn upon the holy Evangelist of almighty God deposed and sayth that the tree which is always understood to be the deviding Boundary between the afo Land