

" *Charles County, August Xth, MDCLXIX.*

" This inquisition taken before us Henry Adams and Francis Pope, by virtue of a writ to us directed from the lord proprietary of the province of Maryland to enquire of what lands and tenements Samuel Smith, late of Charles county, deceased, dyed possessed of, held of the lord proprietary as well in ~~deeme~~ as in service, and what day he dyed, and what value the lands were of by the year, and who was his next heir.

" In obedience to which writt we have made this following inquisition by the oathes of these twelve subscribed honest men of Charles county, and under our seals and the seals of every of them we do return it.—First we find that Samuel Smith late of Charles county, deceased, dyed possesst of four hundred acres of land lying in Charles county, called Cold Spring, which land hath been in the constant tenure and occupation of Robert Downes, and that the said land is worth eight shillings per annum. Likewise, that Mr. Robert Slye was constantly by the said Smith called *couzen*, and was commonly reputed his next heir; if he was not we can find no other. And likewise we do find upon our inquisition that the said Smith dyed the fifth or sixth day of March, one thousand six hundred sixty one. To the testimony of the truth of our inquisition we have respectively set our seals the day and year abovesaid.

HENRY ADAMS.

FRANCIS POPE.

THOMAS BAKER,

JOHN CHESWIN,

ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

ALEXANDER WHITE,

JOHN STONE,

JOHN MACKKEY,

ROBERT CLARK,

JACOB PETERSON,

JOHN LEE,

EDMUND LINDSEY,

WILLIAM ALLEN,

ROBERT DOUNES,

} All Sealed.

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Vera Copia. ROBERT CARVILE, Reg'r."

" *October the 8th, 1681.*

" One parcel of land called Wignall's rest, being at the head of Gunpowder river, in Baltimore, containing two hundred acres, surveyed for William Wignall, late of Baltimore county, deceased, *was escheated* unto his lordship the lord proprietary of this province of Maryland, for want of heyre of the said William Wignall. Rent, 4s. per annum; valued by the Jury to be worth by the year in all issues the summe of two shillings sterling per annum.

WM. COCKS, Clk."

Together with the above certificate from the clerk of the provincial court was produced the following order, and desired to be entered by Richard Brenton, viz.