

MARYLAND ss. Charles Absolute Lord and Prop<sup>y</sup> of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltmore etc. To Maj<sup>r</sup> Josiah Willson Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Clegatt and Doct<sup>r</sup> Patrick Hepburn of Prince George's County Gent Greeting know ye that we have appointed you or any two of you our Com<sup>s</sup> to examine Evidences touching the Bounds of a tract of land lying in your County called Amptill Grange two of you are therefore by vertue of this our Commission Authorized and Impowered at Such time and place as to you [358] or any two of you Shall Seem meet to call and cause to come before you or any two of you all Such evidences as Shall be to you or any two of you Nominated and produced by Thomas Wells Jun<sup>r</sup> of the aforesaid County Gent and that you or any two of you Examine them and every of them on their Corporall oaths to be by you or any two of you Administred on the Holy Evangelist touching their Knowledge and remembrance in the premisses and that you or any two of you Send the Substance of their Severall Depositions in Writing Closed under hands and Seales together with this our Commission to us in our high Court of Chancery wth all Convenient Speed there to be recorded in perpetuam rei memoriam Wittness our Trusty and well beloved John Hart Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> and Governour in Chief of our Province of Maryland and Territorys thereunto belonging at the City of Annapolis the third day of Jan<sup>y</sup> in the second year of our Dominion in and over the said Province etc. Anno Dom 1716

Tho Bordley

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ss Robert Tyler of the s<sup>d</sup> County Gentleman ag'd about forty five years being Sworn upon the Holy Evangelist Sayth That about twenty five years agoe he applyed himself to one Robert Anderson to shew him the bounds of a Tract of land call'd Essington who replied he could Shew all the bounded Trees of the said Tract which were all alive and Standing except the last and that was either dead or dying by an Eagles building in it which he believed had made it dye but the said Anderson went with the Deponent to the said Tree and Shewed him a bounded tree Standing on the North Side of a Deep branch Running into Patuxent River it being then Standing and [a] fair bounded tree with Some part of a Nest upon it as the Said Anderson had told the Deponent and in the Stump upon w<sup>ch</sup> the Said Tree then Stood there is now a Plumb three growing in the room of a Pear Tree ordered to be planted in the Said Stump by a Jury of Resurvey brought by Said Anderson against M<sup>r</sup> Roger Brooke and the Dep<sup>o</sup> asking Said Anderson how he Came by his Knowledge of the Said Tree he answer'd Ninian Beall had Shew'd it him and told him twas the last bounded tree of Essington but in Some time after there Happening a Dispute between the Said Anderson and the Dep<sup>o</sup> about a percell of Land the Dep<sup>o</sup> had taken then (aboute Nineteen or twenty years ago) near the last bounded tree of Eslington the Said [359] Anderson desir'd the Dep<sup>o</sup> to Swear one Robt Hobbs of Calvert County touching the last bounded Tree of Essington who