

PRINCE GEO: CO: SS: — March 9th 1716 — The Hon^{ble} Tho^s Addison of the said County being Sworne upon the Holy Evangelists Deposeth that he being Surveyor of the Said County about the year 1696 Was Sent for by M^r Roger Brooke to execute a Warrant of Resurvey that had been issued out of the Provincial Court of this Province to resurvey a Tract of land called Amptill Grange and having run the lines of said Tract and Essington the lines them took Some of one Andersons Improvements and buildings into Amptill Grange that Some Small time after There was [363] another Resurvey on the said Lands and the Deponent Came the night before the resurvey was to be made to M^r Rob^t Tylers in ord^r to be near the place that as Soon's he came there S^d Tyler told the Deponent That Robert Anderson had been down in Calv^t County and had found one Robert Hobbs who Said he was at the first Survey of Essington and that Said Hobbs had been out in the Woods with himself and others and had given them Such prooffe to the last tree of Essington and the first of Amptill Grange that he believ'd was Sufficient to convince every one that M^r Brooke had been always in the Wrong as to the bounds of his land telling the Deponent Severall circumstances of s^d Hobb's remembrance of the grounds and place of the trees Standing wth the Deponent Very much Wondering at because 'twas So long Since the land was first Surveyed upon Which M^r Taylor told the Deponent that if he had not been with them and Seen that they took care not to lead but follow the said Hobbs to the place he cou'd never have thought the place cou'd have been So fresh in his memory That the Deponent was after this Communication wth M^r Tyler the next Day with the Jury and Sherriff and Severall others on the Resurvey of the said land that he then heard S^d Hobbs give his evidence in Words to this purpose that he was wth M^r Charles Boteler the Surveyor when he first laid out Essington that when they had run the Courses and distances thereof they came to this place Said he where we now are and M^r Boteler Sitting down to put up his Instruments Sent me down to the River to See how farr 'twas off which I did and because I wou'd not be puzzled to find my way back I carried a Hatchett and markt Some trees as I went and when I came near the River 'twas a Bank where there was Some Ivy and out of one of the Said Ivy bushes grew a Doggwood which I lean'd over or against to See which way the River Bore and before I went back I markt a Hiccory which stood near the Doggwood and Ivy and when the s^d Hobbs had done delivering his evidence in this manner he went down to the River and Shew'd as many of the Jury and others as wou'd goe with him (of whom the Deponent was one) all these things that he had mention'd in his Deposition and also [364] Declared upon his oath That M^r Boteler asking him of his return which way the River borne Hobbs told him to the West ward or right hand on which s^d Boteler told him 'twas well Enow for then the Given line would Soon Strike the River and bid Said Hobbs bound that tree which he did and S^d Hobbs Swore 'twas either that very tree at which he was then Sworne or Stood within ten or fifteen yards of that place