

Several exceptions by way of Demurrer ore tenus to the Appealee's Answer which were over Ruled with the usuall Costs of Six hundred pounds of Tobacco to be paid to the Def^t for the unnecessary delay in Argueing thereof And thereupon it was Likewise ruled they shou'd proceed to the merrits of the Cause Whereupon afterwards on the Sixth day of April Anno Domi Seventeen hundred and twenty two By Order of the said Court of Appeals in Equity held (in Order to inform their Hon^{rs} Judgm^t in the aforegoing Cause) the following Order did Issue You are hereby required to interrogate M^r William Fitzredmond on his Oath what he remembers in relation to what words Col^l^o John Ward used to induce the deced Charles Carroll Esq^r then his L^dships Agent to grant him a patent of Escheat of a tract of Land Called Martinson and what he has heard M^r Carroll before or since the granting the Escheat say Concerning the same.

To Samuel Young Esq^r

William Cumming Clk

William Fitzredmond of Annarundell County Gent Aged thirty four years or thereabouts being Examined on the Holy [509] Evangelists of Almighty God Deposeth and saith that on or about the year Seventeen hundred and twelve or Seventeen hundred and thirteen he being then Reg^r in his L^dships Land Office a Certain Col^l^o John Ward of Cecill County made Application to Charles Carroll Esq^r then Agent to the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry} for managem^t of his Land Affairs praying to Obtaine a grant for a Certain peice of Escheat Land lying in the said County called as the Deponent believes by the Name of Martinson and Adjacent to the said Wards Dwelling Plantation and most Convenient to him of any other person and of so little Value that it wou'd not bare the fees of a Speciall Warrant according to the Common Course of the Office for granting Escheats Which the Agent believing thereupon Ordered the Depon^t to Issue out an Order in the Nature of a warrant (tho not recorded to save fees) to the Survey^r of the County for the time then being to resurvey the same in the name of the said Col^l^o Ward upon return of which resurvey it was Certified into the Land Office that there was a Considerable quantity of Land contained therein more then the said Ward at first Suggested and this Depon^t further says and declares his reasons for remembring so well the particulars of the Premises is Cheifly for being cut off from his Fees Contrary to the Common Course of the Office in such Cases, The Depon^t also further says and declares that to the best of his Remembrance the said return was made and Patent issued thereon in less then three months time (a dispatch very unusual in the severall Offices) And that some time after M^r Carrolls Arrivall out of England when last their he Asked the Depon^t what Suggestions were made to him (the Agent meaning) by Col^l^o Ward before Obtaining the said Grant to which he Answer'd he could not Exactly tell nor knew no better way to know then by Recourse or Refference to the Record of the Patent which was issued when matters relateing thereto were fresh in the Depon^{ts} memory upon which after a little