

days for Surveyors to take Oaths for due Execution of their office as this Defendant hath heard and believes; And further this Defendant Knows that the Said Thomas Pattison in his Lifetime had a grant of Some of the Lands which the Complainants by their S^d bill Claims by Virtue of the Survey as af^d made pursuant to the Said Warrant which this Defendant is Induced to believe he would never give himselfe the trouble to obtain had he not been Sensible that the S^d George Seward had no right thereto having never paid the Condition nor made good rights and the S^d Pattison Encouraged this Defendant to be in no doubt Concerning his Land for that he the Said Pattison was Sensible the Warrant by w^{ch} he Surveyed the Land for the Said Seward was not Good and further told this Defendant he Would Warrant his purchase from Smithson for one Hogs head of Tobacco this Defendant cannot believe there was a Due return made of the Certificate when there was not a Warrant on Record to Support it but this Defendant has Some Reason to think the Said Certificate was put on Record by Mistake of the officers Concerned in the Lord proprietors Land [656] office This Defendant hopes and is advised that it will be Necessary for the Complainants to prove that the Said [sic] was paid for and that there was no Condition annexed to it or if there was that the Same was Discharged on the part of the Said Seward and that the Said Certificates were duly returned and Recorded to Entitle the Complainants to the Lands in the bill mentioned. This defendant Saith that he holds but one half of the S^d Tracts of Land Called Camberlake and Sector in the bill mentioned. And further Saith that he believes it to be true that the Said George Seward Soon after Soon after [sic] the obtaining of the Said Warrant departed this Province w^{ch} was Chiefly Occasioned as this Defendant has heard by his Roveing and Unsettled temper he was of which Confirms this Defendant in his belief he never paid for the Said Warrant. And this Defendant believes it to be true that the Said W^m Seward father of the Complainant was the Son and heir of George Seward in the bill mentioned and that the S^d W^m Seward did apply for patent for the Said Lands to the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Baltmores Agents for granting his Lands within this Province which they whose probity and Justice has never been questioned as this Defendant hath heard and believes thought fitt to refuse him as being Satisfied as this Defendant believes the Said Condition was never made good And this Defendant further answereth and Saith that he knows it to be true that the Said Thomas Smithson of Talbott County and Thomas Smithson of Dorchester County preferred Such a Petition as in the bill is Set forth and Obtained Such an order thereon as therein is mentioned and that by Virtue thereof a Survey was made for them of the Said Lands Called Camberlake and Sector and Soon after Thomas Smithson of Dorchester County Dying Thomas of Talbott County Petitioned his Lordships Agent for Land Affairs in Maryland that Patents might Come forth in the Said Thomas Smithson of Talbott Countys name which thereupon was granted him for the Said