

Deceased of the Same County First. What M<sup>r</sup> Charles Carroll knows of a Supena or Sumons which Issued out of his Lordships Land office as its Said to Give William Seward af<sup>d</sup> Notice to appeare at any Certain Day to Claim his right as Son and heir of George Seward deced of Dorchester County and alsoe what return was made upon the S<sup>d</sup> Sumons af<sup>d</sup> Or whether there was ever any Such Sumons and the year and Day and return of the Same and to whom the Same Summons was Directed to be Executed and whether the Same is upon Record as also what Power he the Said Charles Carroll had to grant a Patent to Thomas Smithson upon his false feigned Petition and generally to Declare his full knowledge in the premisses And in any Matter relating thereto

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Th Bordley for Comp<sup>t</sup>

Int Hicks and Swards Orphans

Quer of Charles Carroll Esq<sup>r</sup> What he knows Concerning the Lands in question and how it Came to pass that W<sup>m</sup> Seward was Denied a Patent for Sector and What he believes of George Swards Rights if ever made good for the Lands.

MARYLAND SS. By Vertue of his Lordships Commiss<sup>n</sup> hereto Annexed Wee Benj<sup>a</sup> Tasker and John Beale two of the Comis<sup>rs</sup> therein mentioned have Called before us Such Evidences that were nominated to us by the Comp<sup>ts</sup> and Def<sup>t</sup> in the Said Comission mentioned Viz<sup>t</sup>

Charles Carroll being Sworne on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God to Answer to the Interg hereunto Annexed Declares on his Oath to the Interr on part of the Def<sup>t</sup> as follows (Viz<sup>t</sup>) . To the 1<sup>st</sup> Interr.

Sayes that this Reason Why he did [sic] grant Seward a patent was because there was a Pattennt for the Same Land Granted Thomas Smithson of Talbott County Gent and it being Against the rules of the office to grant another for the Same Land untill the former was Vacated

To the 2<sup>d</sup> Interr. — Sayes he Knowes Nothing of it but what he has heard alledged of the Contending Parties. And the af<sup>d</sup> Charles Carroll on his Oath Declares on part of the Compl<sup>ts</sup> to the Interr hereunto Annexed as follows (Viz<sup>t</sup>) — To the Said Inger [sic] — Saith he believes that there was a Summons Sent to be Served on W<sup>m</sup> Seward but Whether Served on him or not Knows nothing thereof but what the Def<sup>t</sup> alledged to him further Saith that he made out the Patent for the Land Question by Vertue of an order made by his Lordship on Smithson Pet as appeared on Record and that he was not Prevy to the truth or falssities of the facts Alledged in the Said petition the Order being made by his Lordship before he Acted in the Land office and further Declares that he Cannot now remember any more relating to the Said Cause Either for the Comp<sup>ts</sup> or Def<sup>t</sup> but if at Time hereafter any further Questions Shall be asked him in Relation to the Said Cause he Shall be ready to make the best answer he can thereto