

Mr Joseph Hill Aged about 49 years being Sworne on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God Declared on his Oath to the Severall Questions as follows (Viz^t) — Question. — Did you know W^m Seward Deceased reputed Son of George Seward Deced. — Answer. — He Did — Question — What Doe you know of a tryal in the Prov^t Court upon an Ejectm^t brought by W^m Seward ag^t Thomas Hicks and after what manner the tryal was managed and the behav^r of Co^{ll} Tho^s Smithson then Chief Justice of the Said Court. — Answer. — Says that on the tryall of the Said Cause he was present in Court and that the Said Smithson [660] as the Said Swards Attorneys was pleading to the Court and Jury Severall [sic] threatned the Said Attorney to Sylence him and at Last Said he would Strike the Said Attorney if he did not hold his Talking and Tho^s Taylor one of the Jurors Sworn to try the S^d Cause Said (upon the plf^{ts} Calling an Evidence to the barr to be Sworn) that he thought he had heard Evidences Enough upon Which the Defend^t Demrd and the Jurors thereupon Discharged from rendering their Verdict in the Said Cause — Question — What Do you know in relation to a bill proposed to be brought in by Co^{ll} Tho^s Smithson Deced then one of the Delegates for Talbott County in Relation to Cutt of [sic] Peoples Rights that held Lands above 20 years without pattents granted them — Answer. — That he was in the assembly when the Said Co^{ll} Tho^s Smithson did propose a bill to be brought in as af^d and in favour thereof made a Long Speech but the Said proposed Bill was rejected and that as well the Said Dep^o as Severall others then Members of the Said Assembly thought the Said Smithson had a Designe in proposing the passing Such a bill as af^d in order to Debarr the Said Swards right from the Land in Dispute. Mr Jn^o Brannock aged about 50 years being Sworne on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God Declared on his Oath to the Severall Questions hereafter mentioned proposed on part of the Comp^{lts} as follows Viz^t — Question — What do you know in relation to Co^{ll} Tho^s Smithsons treating with W^m Seward in relation to the purchase of the Land in dispute in the Minority of the Said Seward — Answer — Sayes that the Said Co^{ll} Tho^s Smithson offered the Said Seward one other Tract of Land in Exchange for the Said Land in Dispute and other Valuable Consideration but the Said Seward did not Except thereof being under Age.

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