

Caldwell of Somerset County Compl^t and W^m Brewerton and Alexander Adams of the Same County Def^{ts}.

We do humbly Certifie that we Examined Hannah Waltam of our S^d County Widow upon her Corporall Oath in the presence of the Rev^d M^r Alexander Adams one of the Def^{ts} w^{ch} Deposition is as followeth Annexed to the S^d Commission given under our hands and Seals this 15th day of Feb^{ry} anno Dom 1724

Edw^d Scott

[Seal]

Simon Wilmore

[Seal]

KENT COUNTY IN MARYLAND SS^t The Deposition of M^{rs} Hannah Waltam of our S^d County Widow aged about 48 years She being Sister to W^m Brewerton one of the Def^{ts} and a nigh Neighbour then to the S^d W^m Brewerton Saith.

That when Alexander Adams purchased Land of John Waltam her husband and also of W^m Brewerton She remembers that one day her husband John Waltam Alexander Adams went to W^m Brewerton to ask W^m Brewerton if Alexander Adams might have his Consent to purchase the Land he lesseed of the S^d Brewerton and when they returned they told her that the S^d W^m Brewerton replied that he would rather the S^d Adams Should purchase it than any other further She remembers that the S^d Alexander Adams agreed wth W^m Brewerton about Land Six years agoe this Feb^{ry} and then at the Bargaine making S^d Adams told the S^d Brewerton that he had Disposed of his Tob^o that year and Could not pay him till the fall following and that her husband John Waltam and She persuaded W^m Brewerton to Sell Land to M^r Adams Seeing he had purchased Waltam being part of the S^d Tract and further Saith not

[772] Whereupon the Cause Stands Continued from Court to Court untill the 16th Day of Feb^{ry} Anno Dom 1724 At w^{ch} S^d 16th day of Feb^{ry} Come as well the Compl^t by his Councill as the Def^{ts} by their S^d Council and Thereupon the S^d Cause Coming to be heard before his Hon^r Rich^d Tilghman Esq^r Chancellor and Keeper of the Great Seale of Maryland in presence of the Council on both Sides the Compl^{ts} Bill the Def^{ts} Answer and the whole proceedings thereon were read and appeared to be as before Set forth

Whereupon and upon a full hearing of the Bill Answers and all other the proceedings af^d and of the allegations of Both Parties and upon Mature Consideration thereupon had by his Honour the Judge and for that it appears as well by the answer of W^m Brewerton one of the Def^{ts} as the Depositions of Diana wife of the S^d W^m Brewerton and other Examinations taken in the Said Cause that the Deeds obtained by the Defend^t Adams from the S^d Brewerton are fraudulent and were obtained and Executed with an Intent fraudulently to defeat the Compl^t John Caldwell of the benefitt of his Judgments at Law and for as much as the S^d Caldwell hath been put to very great