

This certificate recites, "that by virtue of a special warrant granted at the land office the 23rd day of May, 1850, to James O. C. Hoskins, of the city of Alexandria, in Virginia, for five acres of vacant land lying in the county of Charles, being an island, or bar, in the Potomac river, commencing below "Craney Island" and running up to, and adjoining said island, &c. I hereby certify that I have carefully surveyed, and laid out for, and in the name of him, the said James O. C. Hoskins, the aforesaid vacant land, it being an island, or bar, in the Potomac river, commencing below "Craney Island," and running up to, and adjoining said island, which is now called "Hoskins' Island," and is bounded as follows: &c., containing, and now surveyed, and laid out for six acres, two roods, and eight perches, this 4th day of March, 1851. James L. Brawner, surveyor of Charles county."

The caveator protests against the issuing of a patent for this land.

*First.* Because, with a view to obtain a patent according to said certificate, the said Hoskins has placed large quantities of stone in the Potomac river where it is navigable, and within the ebb and flow of the tide, below an island in said river, called "Craney Island," belonging to this caveator, in such manner as to obstruct the navigation of said river, and more especially the navigation to and from said "Craney Island" to the great injury of the caveator, and it is the object of said Hoskins to form an artificial island or embankment, resting upon, and connected with said stones, and this, caveator avers, and insists, that if a patent is granted, as prayed, to said Hoskins the natural approaches to "Craney Island" will be obstructed and destroyed to the south of said island, and the navigation to and from said island in that quarter greatly hindered and prevented.

*Second.* Because said Hoskins seeks by said certificate of survey, and the patent to be therein granted to build an artificial island, or embankment, on the flats adjoining "Craney Island," at a place where there is seven feet of water over said flats, and where vessels can navigate, and do navigate said