

Jonathan Stoddard } Somerset } Frederick Absolute Land and Bishop of the Province of Maryland and Avalon. Land Baron of
 Commission and } Baltimore } To Ephraim King, Alexander Robinson, George Gale and Elgat Stille of Somerset County Creating
 Affidavit. }
 Know ye that we have appointed you or any three or two of you to be our Commissioners to examine
 Evidence on behalf of a certain Jonathan Stoddard of the County of in Relation to the bounds of four Tracts of Land
 Supply Dicoe Lot, Blackwater and what you please or the Bounds of any other Land on which the same may depend we
 therefore require you or any three or two of you at some time and place as to you or any three or two of you shall seem
 convenient you meet on the said Land called Supply Dicoe Lot, Blackwater, and what you please or any other Land on which
 the same may depend you first having taken you Oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God and there cause to Counsel
 you or any three or two of you all such Evidence as shall be to you or any three or two of you Narrated by the said Jonathan
 or Def. and that you or any three or two of you examine them upon their Coramell Oath to be by you or any three or two of
 you Administered on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God in the presence of the Complainant or Def. of any Touching the
 truth or Remembrance of their Knowledge or anything that may Relate to the Cause of and that Reducing the same
 Depositions into Writing you send the same with this our Commission under your or any three or two of your hands
 Seals to our County Court of Somerset with all convenient Speed Witness Thomas Hayward Esq. Chief Justice of
 our said Court the 27 day of November Anno Domini 1755

And now with a Court of his Lordship held at Princess Anne Town the third Tuesday of June being the
 fifteenth day of the same Month Anno Domini 1762 before the Justices thereof James George Gale and Elgat Stille
 two of the Gentlemen Nominated in the within Commission and Returned the same in due manner full with
 the several Depositions thereto annexed - Somerset County April the 28 day 1766 Was George Gale Esq. and Elgat Stille
 sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God to be true to the above Commission according to the direction of an Act of Assembly of the
 Province -
 before James Studdy

Summ. of the Subscribers two of the persons appointed in the within Commission to examine Evidence in
 Relation to the bounds of the said Lands therein mentioned do hereby certify that being thereunto Lawfully and having given the
 proper Notice according to Law we met on the said Lands on the 30 day of April 1766 and likewise on the 6 day
 of May 1766 and had the Depositions thereto annexed - Witness our hands and Seals -
 George Gale Esq.
 Elgat Stille Esq.

Benjamin Venable aged 49 years being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God the 30 day of April Anno Domini 1766 deposed and said that he has sundry times heard his father Joseph
 Venable say that the White Oak tree the stump of which he now shows was the first boundary of a tract of Land
 what you please and this Depo. further saith that he has likewise heard William Rains say that the said Oak
 was the first boundary of the said Land and further saith that
 before George Gale Esq. and Elgat Stille } The above mentioned stump stands on a point of Land about 80 Yards from the same
 thereof on the Eastern side of the Creek called above from the State there -
 Benjamin Venable

Benjamin Venable aged 51 years being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God this 6 of May
 Anno Domini 1766 deposed and said that about 40 years ago he was present when the said Justices were upon the
 Land called what you please and that William Rains then acknowledged that the second boundary of the said
 called what you please had stood near where he then was at which place this Depo. saith the said Justices
 marked a Black Oak which formerly stood where now was and further this Depo. saith that Benjamin Venable

George B. Hall aged 44 years being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God this 30 of April 1766
 deposed and said that about seven or eight years ago he was at work with Robert Givens Garding officers for the
 Meeting house and that John Studdy came and furnished them for Garding any more pieces than it being his
 Land and showed him where which formerly stood where now was and that the said Studdy told him that the
 tree was a boundary of Land belonging to George Joseph Venable and further that the said Studdy told them
 that his Line struck the said Meeting house and further this Depo. saith that George B. Hall

Francis Land aged about 85 years being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God this 6 of May
 1766 deposed and said that about 20 years ago he was present when the said Justices came on the
 to be marked for a boundary of a tract of Land the belonging to George Joseph Venable which said tree the
 Depo. saith formerly stood where now was and further saith that
 Francis F. Land