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John Jenkins, Somerset Frederick absolute Lord, property of the provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To John Adams, Isaac Dashiell, Thomas Dashiell, & Souther Dashiell, of Somerset County Gent greeting

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 John Jenkins of Somerset County in relation to y<sup>e</sup> bounds of a certain Tract of Land called Crouches desire we therefore require you or any three or two of you at some time & place as to you or any three or two of you shall seem convenient you meet on y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid Land called Crouches desire you first having taken your oaths on y<sup>e</sup> holy Evangelist of Almighty God & there cause to come before you or any three or two of you all such Evidence as shall be to you or any three or two of you nominated by y<sup>e</sup> said complainant or defendant & that you or any three or two of you examine them upon their oaths to be by you or any three or two of you administered on y<sup>e</sup> Holy Evangelist of Almighty God in y<sup>e</sup> presence of y<sup>e</sup> complainant or defendant if any touching the truth or Remembrance of their knowledge or any thing that may relate to y<sup>e</sup> cause aforesaid & that reducing y<sup>e</sup> severall Depositions into writing you send the same with this our commission under your or any three or two of your hands & seals to us to our County Court of Somerset with all convenient speed Witness Isaac Handy Esq<sup>r</sup> one of our Justices of our said Court y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Day of August in y<sup>e</sup> tenth year of our Dominion &c Annoque Domini 1760

And now to wit at a Court of his Lordship hold at Princeps Anna Town the third Tuesday of June being the twenty first day of the same month Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred sixty three before the Justices thereof came Souther Dashiell and Thomas Dashiell two of the Gentlemen nominated in the above commission and returned the same Evidence in manner following with the following deposition thereto annexed

March 19<sup>th</sup> 1761 This day was W<sup>th</sup> Souther Dashiell & W<sup>th</sup> Thomas Dashiell qualified to execute the within commission before Eph<sup>m</sup> Wilson

We do hereby certify that agreeable to the within commission we met on the Land therein mentioned we having first complied with the directions of the act of assembly made in such case by selling up advertisements agreeable to the said act and took the within deposition written from hands and seals this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1761

Souther Dashiell  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Dashiell  
a deposition of a witness taken on the Land called Crouches desire at the request of John Jenkins the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1761 - Nicholas Crouch aged forty six years or thereabouts being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God saith that about thirty years agoe his brother John Crouch showed him a red oak tree and told him it was the boulder of the Land called Crouches desire and that the said Tree was then alive and had notches in it in the form of a boulder and the said Nicholas showed us the stump of the said Tree where there is now a lightwood post fixed with sixteen notches on the four sides and further saith not  
Nicholas Crouch

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