

417) By vertue of a Commission directed unto me out of the Maj^{est} High Court of Admiralty
of this Province bearing Date the 1st. Inst^t day of July last past for taking up
evidence of George Alida concerning the bound and bound trees of a
certain tract of land called Little Oak lying in St. George County.

In obedience thereto I have this day caused the said George Alida to come
before me and coming to Piscataway where the said Land is said to lie
And the said George having taken his corporal Oath. On y^e Holy L
Evang^{el}ic did declare that he knows not anything of the bound or bound
trees of the said Little Oak And being further examined concerning the
bounds of a tract of land called Thomas his bound being the Land on
which second bound lies the said Little Oak is said by him did declare
as followeth: Coming to a bounded Oak standing on y^e top of a
Hill in a Indian field on the right hand of the Cowles Road that goeth
from Mr Wm Hutchings to Piscataway about 30 or 40 yards from y^e
Road Mr George did declare that he was along with William Thomas
the first owner of the said Land and Robert Ingoldsby with others
Thomas delivered possession of the said Land called Thomas bound to the said
Ingoldsby who did declare it to be the first bound tree and going to
eastward the said George Alida came to another bounded Oak near
a grove of a small descent which he did declare that Mr. Ed Howey
showed it him as his second bound tree:

And y^e said George was further examined concerning the bounds of a tract
of land called Locust thickets whose first bound tree being a Hickory
and is said to be the second bound tree of Little Oak did declare that
he saw nothing of the said Locust thickets but being brought to a bound
Hickory about four paces to the southward of the second Oak of Thomas
Chances it having been supposed to be the first tree of Locust thickets
did declare that he sold Nicanor Brund in y^e year 1685: or
thereabouts did mark and bound the said Hickory for y^e last tree of a
tract of land laid out by them for Mr James Finch called Little Oak
their way no: not or bound on the said tree before they marked it
and the said Mr. Brund being present having also taken his corpo
ral Oath did declare that he caused the said hickory to be bound for the
fourth and last bound tree of the said Little Oak being the third
of the said Land and that it had neither tree nor bound but that
he caused to be putt thereon / And