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the bounds of the Land aforesaid, and to send their lev^t Depository under my Hand and Seal to the Register of the said Court or I Certifie That on the twentieth Day of August 1702 I called and caused to come before me upon the said Land called the Four Square near the Root of a Branch of Kings Creek behynd the houses of John and Samuel H. Day, a certain Jas. Nunum aged fifty years, or upwards, of sound memory and understanding, to whom I judg'd fit to swear an Oath upon the Holy Evangell, that he shd speak the truth touching the bounds of the Land aforesaid, w^t d^r Jn^t Nunum Examined upon his corporall Oath, then and there did shew to me and others thererof named, an old fallen Hickory Tree long ago fallen and now rotten in such place as the Grant of the said Land doth describe, and then and there before me and others demanded upon his corporall Oath aforesaid say that same Hickory Tree was the first mark tree of the aforesaid 1000 Acres of Land called the Four Square, and that the said Jn^t Nunum did mark that Hickory in the presence of William Blinckley then Surveyor for the very first tree of the aforesaid 1000 Acres of Land called the Four Square, and by the special Order and direction of the said Surveyor, and further laid out, and no other Witnesses were produced. And because the said Hickory was almost wasted away, yet the hole where the Root was being manifestly distinguishable, therefore for more perfect continuance of the exact bounds of the aforesaid 1000 Acres of Land called the Four Square marked in remembrance which stood fifteen foot North and by West from the Ender of the said hole of the Root with four Notches on the South side one eight above another in presence of the said Jn^t Nunum, John Pitt, William Courtney, William Turb^t, Joseph Nunum, William Neale, and Robert Godd^t brought

August 7th Anno Dom 1702. Tho^t Smithson

These words in Remembrance were interlined,
before Sealing. — — — — —

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Commission to Exam^t ev^d for the bounds of Lord Baltimore's Mⁿ in Talbot County
And Depository to the Bounds of Lord Baltimore's Mⁿ on Choptank
River in Talbot County filed October 2^d 1703.

Maryland st.

B^r by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland Defend^r of the
Heire^r. To Thomas Smithson of Talbot County Gent^r Greeting We have nominated and
appointed you our Servt to Exam^t all such Witnesses as shall be to you proposed and nominated
by such inhabitants holding Lands joyning upon the bounds of the Land Bulle矛w^t Mⁿ
Choptank River in Talbot County touching these g^t d^r witness^s Knowledge & Remembrance
the outwards bounded tree of the Mⁿ aforesaid. And therefore we require you have
such time and place as to you shall seem meet you call and cause to come before you
3rd witness^s, and g^t you exam^t them and every of them upon their corporal Oaths
you administered upon the Holy Evangell touching their knowledge & remembrance
prmiss^s. And that aduring and the continuall of thir Deall and respective depts
into writing you send the same together with this our Commission under your hand^s and Seal^s
to the Register of our high Court of Chancery to be Recorded [in perpetuum reten-
deram] to prevent Doubt^s that may else arise by the death of all or any of
them