

Witnesses aforesaid: Nor may you omit to do this with all convenient speed. Witness Our
Self at Annapolis the 13th Day of October in the first Year of our Reign Anno Domini 1702

Jⁿ: Freeman Esq^r in Chancery

The Execution of this Commission appears in a certain Schedule herewith enclosed

Thos^s: Smithson

Maryland s^r.

Talbot County

By Virtue of a Commission dated 13th October in the first Year of the Reign of
Ann by the Grace of God of England et. Queen et. to me out of Her Majesty High
Court of Chancery in this Province directed wherein I am nominated and appointed
to examine all such Witnesses as should be proposed by all Inhabitants residing and
journing upon the bounds of the s^d Baltimore's Mannor on Choptank River in
Talbot County, touching the said Witnesses Knowledge and remembrance of the
outermost bounded trees of the Mannor afores^d. Requiring me at most times and
places to call & cause to come before me the said Witnesses et.

I humbly Certifie that on the eighteenth Day of May next after the date of
the s^d Commission at the proposal of John Dawson & other the s^d Inhabitants
I caused to come before me upon the s^d Mannor a certain John Nunam aged
about fifty years, who having taken his Corporal oath by me administered
(at the s^d Com^{on} authorized me to do) upon the holy Evangelists, to declare the truth
of his Knowledge & remembrance touching the premises. And the s^d John Nunam
so sworn did declare upon his oath afo^r, of a certain Henry Parker, (who was
formerly Surveyor of Talbot County, & succeeded in that office after a certain
Skinner) did tell this Depo^{nt} that he the said Henry had a Warrant
to Resurvey the said Mannor, and did desire this Depo^{nt} to go with him, and
that he the said Henry did show this Depo^{nt} a great Oak mark with twelve
Notches standing near an old Indian path near the branches of Swift Creek, and
the said Henry did declare to this Depo^{nt} that the said Oak was the Center tree
of the s^d Baltimore's Mannor of Choptank, and that he the said Henry at the ap-
pointment & Command of the s^d Andrew Skinner who first Survey'd it for his Lot
mark'd this same tree with an Hatchet, & of the tree w^{ch} the said John at the time
and place afo^r, did show me & others whose names are hereunder written is the very
same tree, which tree being now decayed & dead I laid four large Stones, viz^t
three of them on the Ground on the North Side of the tree, touching the Root of
the tree, & one touching another, & the fourth lies upon the other three to re-
main in perpetual Remembrance of the bounds of the said Mannor. And furthermore
I mark'd a Spanish Oak with three Notches on that side of it w^{ch} respects the said
original mark'd tree, & is 12 foot West & by South distant from it in presence of G^o: afo^r John
Nunam, Rob^t: Gough, W^m: Butler, Christopher Sprigg, John Dawson, Rob^t: Gough
Joseph Gough, William Gough, Edmund Hisk, John Bush, Rich^d: Bush, Jⁿ: W^m: W^m:
of the truth whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seal this 13th Day of May
Anno Domini 1703.

Thos^s: Smithson

Esq^r