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in the Eighty Year of our Dominion & undd: 1723 -- Thomas Hayward Esq. on the Back of the foregoing Commission it was then ordered by the Justices of the Peace for Somerset County and took their Oaths on the holy Evangelist of almighty God that they would truly and Impartially examine all such Evidence as should be brought before them Concerning the Bounds of a certain tract of Land called Chance a part of a parcel in that Case made and provided as Witness my hand this fourth day of January and dnd: 1723 ³/₄ Wm. Stoughton

The deposition of Richard Chambers Esq. aged Eighty Years or there abouts relating to the first Boundary of a tract of Land Surveyed for James Eric Esq. called Ox head which also appears to be by Capt John King's deed the first Boundary of a tract of Land called Chance - This deponent being Sworn according to the direction of an act of assembly made at the City of Annapolis the 23 day of September last declares that Capt John King's deed desired this deponent to go and see the above mentioned tract of Land called Ox head and went with him to a white Oak standing on a point of Land near a shallow Creek trained up this day a little to the Eastward of an ancient Road now stop'd by the Mill Dam that came a short trading Branch or King's Branch opposite to a point on the South Side of the said Branch on which the Road entered the same Branch about five hundred yards along the Bank of the Branch about the Mill Dam and New Church being the first deep sharp point that made in on the North Side of the said Branch above the said Mill which said white Oak of the above named Capt John King's Deed about fifty four years ago desired this deponent as the first Boundary of Ox head above said tract of Land bought of the said James Eric and further will not as witness my hand this 28th day of January 1723. Richard Chambers

By virtue of a Commission to us directed bearing date the 23 day of Nov: 1723 by the Justices of the General Court of the Province of Maryland we the Subscribers being Sworn according to the direction of that act as appears by the said Commission having given the due Notice the Law requires in such Cases, we went on the Spot mentioned in the above Deposition and there did take the above said Richard Chambers solemn Oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty God to the truth of what is therein contained taken before us this 28th day of January 1723. Wm. Lamer, Ephraim Wilson, Jm. Trustata

Jurat William Stoughton that the Deponent with Charles Ballard being two of his Lord's Justices of the Peace for Somerset County in the Province of Maryland being requested by Capt John King that we would come to Land of him of said King to take a Deposition of Boundary Evidence Concerning a first Boundary of a certain tract of Land called Chance being in Dispute between him and said Capt John King and his Brother M^r Upshur King alledging as Reason to induce us to come and take said Deposition that while they two Brothers lived they would not fall out about said Boundary but their Children not being so near by Related might and while he had opportunity he thought it his Duty to hinder what Dispute might happen in time to come when the Evidence were dead Whereupon Charles Ballard and I the Deponent some time in Nov: 1722 according to a Cost of my Remembrance Prepared -