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you or any three or two of you to be our Commissioners to examine Evidence, on behalf of a certain John Gandy of Somerset County Gent: in Relation to the Bounds of a piece of Land called Middle Ridge We therefore Command and require you or any three or two of you that at some time and place of to you three or any three or two of you shall seem convenient you meet on the said Land called Middle Ridge and 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 Presented by the said Complainant or others (if any) and that you examine them on their Corporate Oaths to be by you or any three or two of you administered on the holy Evangelist in the presence of the said Complainant touching the truth or remembrance of their Knowledge or any thing that may relate to the Case at and that reducing the several depositions in to writing, you send the same together with this our Commission under your or any three or two of your hands to us to our County Court of Somerset with all convenient Speed Witness Joseph Gray Gent: Chief Justice of our said Court the 17th day of March in the 22nd year of our Dominion &c and: Done 1723 (order) Thomas Hayward Secd-

On the Back of the foregoing Commission it was thus Endorsed viz: These are to certify that - Cap^t. William Clauser and M^r. Jeffery Long came before me the Subscriber One of his Excellency's Justices of the peace for Somerset County in the province of Maryland and took their Oaths on the holy Evangelist of almighty God that that they would truly, duly and Impartially examine all such Evidence as should be brought before them to give their Evidence concerning the Bounds of a certain tract of Land called Middle Ridge in part of a parcel in that Case made and provided as with my hand this 19th day of March anno: Domini: 1724 - William Stoughton

March 22nd day 1724. Then was sworn Maj^r. Isaac Hovey and Thomas Williams according to the foregoing Oath before me W^m. Clauser

The deposition of John Kellam aged about 43 years or upwards in relating to the first Boundary of a tract of Land surveyed for John Kirke called Middle Ridge bounded by a tract of Land in Kellam - This deponent being sworn according to the act directing of an act of assembly made at the City of Annapolis the twenty third day of September last declares that M^r. John Kirke de^d. told him in his Life time that Beginning Boundary of Middle Ridge is a white oak standing by a little Swamp near a Marsh about one hundred yards, about 20 yards Southly from the Orchard on the North side of a little ditch and showed him the tree and told him it was the Boundary between them as parting their Land and further South not as with my hand this 14th day of April 1724 John Kellam

The deposition of Anthony Bell aged about 66 years or upwards in Relation to a tract of Land surveyed for John Kirke called Middle Ridge this deponent being sworn according to the act directing of an act of assembly made at the City of Annapolis the 23rd day of September last declares that John Kirke in his Life time that a second boundary was again and stood by a great Swamp side and north west from thence or thereabouts is a piece of clear Land (and)