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Somerset County. Charles absolute Lord and proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To Robert King, Eglem Wilson, Tho: Williams, and John Long all of Somerset County Gent. Greeting Know ye that we have appointed you or any three or two of you to be our Commissioners to examine Evidence on behalf of certain Wicm. Owners now found to Sarah Kirke an minor of the County and Gent. in Relation to the Bounds of two tracts of Land lying in the County afo, the one called Followay, the other Recovery we therefore require you or any three or two of you at some time and place as to you or any three or two of you & shall seem good without you under o. a. and Land called Followay and Recovery (you first having taken your oath on the Holy Evangelist of almighty god according to list of o. a. in such good and good order) & then 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 nominated by the said Land owner (or o. a. if any) & if you examine them upon their Oath to be by you or any three or two of you administered on the Holy Evangelist of almighty god in the o. a. of o. a. (or o. a. if any) touching the truth or Remembrance of their Knowledge or any thing that may Relate to the said Land, & returning the several Depositions in Writing you send the same together with this our Commission under your or any three or two of your hands to our County Court of Somerset with all convenient speed Witness our hand & Seal of our said Lord the twenty third day of April in the Eleventh Year of our said Lord's said and thousand Seven hundred and twenty Six — (Signed) Thomas Hayward Esq.

on the Backside of the foregoing Commission it was thus Endorsed viz. — By Virtue of the within Commission has admitted being duly Qualified & having given the Notice Required by list of o. a. doe herewith Return o. a. Deposition hereunto. Given at Witness our hands this twentieth day of June Seven hundred and twenty Six.

A Henry Boll aged Sixty nine years or thereabouts Deposed on the holy Evangelist of almighty god that about two or three days before he did hear for this Deposition & told him he had sent for him to see and show his wife Bridget the first Bounder of a tract of Land called Followay, last John Gumbes (or his wife Bridget) should take up on each other, not knowing where the tree stood, & that he the said Kirke should never be able again to goe and show the said Bounder to any Body — himself —

This Deposition being read he did not know how he should find it & Kirke told him that there was a Steeping white oak & stood near to the Deep Slash where it went into the great Swamp — and for a further mark that this Deposition might find the tree and he acquainted him that the top of the tree was broke off & piled into the ground and Leaned against the same tree upon which the said John Kirke Recollected his Memory and said that he this Deposition — might find

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