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ad tract of Land called Chenix stone & there 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 J. D. King: - (without or Dist. if any) & that you examine them upon their Oath rather to be by you or any three or two of you administered on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God in J. presence of J. Plaintiff (or Dist. if any) touching & truth or Remembrance of their Knowledge or any thing that may relate to of Cause afo, and that Reducing of Severall depositions into Writing you send & save 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 Samuel Hopkins Court Chief Justice of our said Court the 19th day of Novemb in the tenth year of our Dominion & London 1725 (Order) Thomas Hayward Esq.

On J. back side of the foregoing Commission it was that Edward Birt: - December 27th 1725 then came James Rownd before me one of his Lordships Justices of the Peace for County of Somerset & was Qualified before me to Execute & make Return of the Within Commission - [Will^m Gausitt -

January 14th 1725 William Simpson and Edward Rownd was Qualified before me to Execute the Within Commission - [John Smith -

By virtue of a Commission Granted to John Smith Edward Rownd James Rownd and Will^m Simpson of Somerset County bearing date J. 19th day of Novemb in J. tenth year of our Dominion London 1725 - to Examine Evidence on behalfe of certain Inhabitants of the said County in relation to the bounds of a certain tract of Land lying in J. County called Chenix stone containing five hundred acres in pursuance to which we J. Smith Edward Rownd & Will^m Simpson being Qualified did meet on J. ad tract of Land on J. four: -teenth day of January 1725 - in presence of J. Plaintiff & Defendant did Examine the Evidence following being first sworn before us - Thomas Harney aged forty years or there: - about did declare that about twenty three or twenty four years agoe he & Woodman Stockley did were wal king along & he J. Stockley told J. Harney that he would goe show him his fathers Bounder & they came to J. place where a great ditch being on J. mouth of a great between two pieces of Marsh near to J. house where Woodman Stockley sent did dig bearing North East or there abouts from J. house & there we saw a tree Slipped four ways & he J. Harney did declare that near the said tree he saw a tree marked with four Notches on J. four sides & some time after he saw J. tree cut Down but for what reason he know not & J. he saw sprouts grow from J. stump & J. Deponent saith that after that tree was cut Down he saw another marked tree near J. head of a Cove bearing N. E. or there abouts from the other tree & being about J. distance of three hundred paces or there abouts & further saith not

The same day George Howard aged fifty three or there abouts did Declare that about twenty: - year agoe he & J. Woodman Stockley did being with him & oiled towards the head of a Cove to W. of Cove that Harney told us of & told him there was his bounder and (60)