

March Court - - - And - - - 1728 - - - 152
of a commission to us Directed from Soudwell Co^{ty} Co^{ts} the above Deposition was
taken before us - - - This Deposition was taken Ephraim Willson
at the request of Edward Beauchamp Ephraim Willson { Boaz Walton
John Trehearne

Pat: & John Atkinson { Soudwell Co^{ts}: Charles absolute Lord Proprietary, of the provinces of
Commission & affidavits. Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore & John Scott
Willm. Hardy, Geo. Tull and Robert Mitchell all of Soudwell Co^{ty} Ches^{re}
Greeting Know ye that we have appointed you or any three or two of you to be our Commis-
sioners to Examine Evidences on behalf of a certain Patience and John Atkinson of S^{ay} Co^{ty}
in relation to the Bounds of a tract of Land Lying in said Co^{ty} called America Wee
therefore Require you or any three or two of you that at some time & place as to you or
any three or two of you shall seem convenient you Make out a Map of said Land called America
(you first having taken your Oath on y^e Holy Evangelist of almighty God according to
Act of a Assembly in such Case made & Provided) and there cause to come before you or any
three or two of you all such Evidences as shall be to you or any three or two of you
Nominated by y^e said Complainant (or Deft if any) that you Examine them upon
their Corporall Oaths to be by you or any three or two of you administered on y^e Holy
Evangelist of almighty God in y^e presence of y^e Complainant (or Deft if any) touching
the truth or Remembrance of their Knowledge or any thing that may relate to y^e Cause
and that Reducing the severall Depositions into Writing you send the same
together with this our Commission under your or any three or two of your Hands to
us to our Co^{ty} Co^{ts} of Soudwell with all convenient speed With uss said Joseph
Gaut Chief Justice & The Execution of the within Commission ag-
rees by the severall Depositions hereunto Annexed Wm. Hardy
George Tull.

The Deposition of Edw^d Dickerson said: aged Sixty three years or thereabouts being
Sworn upon y^e Holy Evangelist of almighty God before us the Subscribers on y^e 15th day
of Feby 1728 & said y^e when said Willmth Whittington was Surveyor of Soudwell Co^{ty} he
Coming to Survey Cornelius Morris Land called affrica he y^e said Edw^d being present
at y^e Survey y^e said Co^{ts} Whittington Asked Joseph Gray where he Left off y^e said
Whittington bid me tell my father Morris y^e if he would not come & begin there where
M^r. Gray Left off he would not Survey none for him Co^{ts} Whittington Desired this
Deponant to goe in the Branch & see y^e Signif tree was Marked which Signif did
stand in y^e Branch near the Godingam ^{over} from M^r. J^r. Gray to his son J^r. Gray by a
Foot Bridge which Bridge remain still in the same place & this Deponant went in the
Branch & see the said Signif standing in y^e place & being Marked with sixteen
Notches on four sides & y^e said Co^{ts} Whittington Ordered y^e Chain to be carried to the
Signif tree & Measure from y^e tree & to him and there Laid out for Cornelius
Morris from y^e tree three Hundred Acres of Land which Land y^e said Jeremiah Morris
(had)