

William Solby

March Court — 1728 — 175

Commissioners of the Province of Maryland  
 Charles absolute Proprietary of the Province of  
 Maryland Cavalon Baron of Baltimore & To J<sup>r</sup>. Purvell  
 Esq<sup>r</sup>. Rowd Johnson Hill Esq<sup>r</sup>. Beavins all of Soudeth Co<sup>ty</sup> Gent<sup>l</sup> three  
 Know ye we have appointed you or any three or two of you to be our Commis-  
 sioners to Examine Evidences on behalfe of a certain Will<sup>m</sup>. Solby of Soudeth Co<sup>ty</sup> in  
 Relation to the Bounds of three tracts of Land Lying in Soudeth Co<sup>ty</sup> called Bartuers Choise  
 Simploton, & Duram House We therefore require you or any three or two of you at  
 some time & place as to you or any three or two of you shall seeme convenient you meet  
 on the said Land called Bartuers Choise & Duram House you first having taken your oath  
 on the Holy Evangelist of almighty God according to our of assembly in such case made &  
 provided) & there cause to come before you or any three or two of you all such Evi-  
 dences as shall be to you or any three or two of you Nominated by the said Complain-  
 ant for Deft if any & you Examine them upon their Oath to be by you  
 or any three or two of you Administred on the Holy Evangelist of almighty God in the  
 Presents of the Complainant for Deft if any touching the truth or verities of  
 their Knowledge or any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid & reducing 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<sup>ty</sup> of Soudeth with all conveni-  
 ent Speed Wittnes the said Thomas Gent<sup>l</sup> Justice of our said Court &

On the Backside of the foregoing Commission it was thus Endorsed viz

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1728 was qualified before me W<sup>m</sup>. J<sup>r</sup>. Purvell, Johnson  
 Hill & Edward Rowd to Execute & witness in presence of my Hand & day above  
 Written  
 {Soud. Hopkins}

Soudeth County: By Virtue of a Commission from the Co<sup>ty</sup> of Soudeth to J<sup>r</sup>. Purvell John-  
 son Hill Esq<sup>r</sup>. Rowd Esq<sup>r</sup>. Beavins or to any two or three of them to Examine Evi-  
 dences in relation to the Bounds of three tracts of Land Lying in Soudeth Co<sup>ty</sup> viz Bartuers  
 Choise, Duram House & Simploton we the Subscribers met on the several tracts of Land aforesaid  
 & proceeded to Examine such Evidences as were produced to us & first in relation to the Bounds  
 of Bartuers Choise M<sup>r</sup>. Carter Morris being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of almighty God  
 on her Oath Declared that she had heard her Father Col<sup>l</sup>. Will<sup>m</sup>. Whittington say at several  
 times that Col<sup>l</sup>. Fran: Jenckins formerly Surveyor of Soudeth Co<sup>ty</sup> told him by said Whittington  
 that the first Boulder of the White Land or Bartuers Choise stood by the River Swamp side  
 meaning the River Swamp side about halfe a mile above Snow Hill Landing now  
 called W<sup>m</sup>. Hough's Landing & on a low piece of Ground somewhat like an Island or islan-  
 d on the Island or words to the Purpose & further she Declared that she heard her father  
 say according to the Direction given by Col<sup>l</sup>. Jenckins that he went from the Landing  
 up the River & along by the Swamp side about halfe a mile above the Landing & he found  
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