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William Faritt Juror
Commission and affidavits
Somerset County

Charles absolute Lord and proprietor of the provinces of
Maryland and Avalon and Baron of Baltimore To John Douelson, Joseph Gray
Isaiah Bredale and Richard Hudson all of Somerset County Gentlemen 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
a certain William Faritt Juror of the County and Gent. in relation to the bounds of a tract of Land lying on the sea-
side in y^e County called Unity. We therefore require you or any three or two of you that
at some time or place as to you or any three or two of you shall seem convenient you meet
on y^e said Land called Unity (you first having taken your Oath on the Holy Evangelist
of Almighty God according to Act of Assembly in such case made & provided) & there pass
to look 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 y^e Complainant (or Deft if any) & that you
Examine them upon their Corporall Oaths, to be by you or any three or two of you ad-
ministered on y^e Holy Evangelist of Almighty God in y^e presence of y^e Complainant (or
Deft if any) touching the truth or verity of their Knowledge or anything y^e
may relate to y^e Cause and y^e reducing y^e severall Depositions into Writing you send
y^e same together with this our Commission under your or any three or two of your
hands to us to our Co^y Co^t of Somerset with all convenient speed Wittness Samuel
Dophins Gent Chief Justice of our s^d Co^t &c.

On y^e Backside of y^e foregoing Commission it was thus Endorsed viz
Maryland: These are to certify y^e J^{ns} Douelson & Isaiah Bredale two
of y^e within Commissioners were duly qualified as y^e Law directs Before me one of his
Majesties Justices for Somerset Co^y y^e Twelfth Day of March 1729 - W^m Faritt.

Somerset: We y^e subscribers two of y^e Commissioners appointed by y^e W^m Faritt
Justice of Somerset Co^y to Examine Evidence on Behalf of a certain William
Faritt Juror of y^e County and Gent. in relation to y^e bounds of a tract of Land lying on y^e sea-
side in y^e County called Unity, Being qualified as y^e Law directs Mett on y^e said Land
y^e 21st Day of March 1729. Where same Before us (Capt. W^m Faritt aged about Sixty
Six years & being sworn upon y^e Holy Evangelist of Almighty God (the being then by
y^e side of a certain post stuck in y^e ground on y^e side of a small Hill near y^e Orchard
of Charles Collins on y^e South East side of y^e same) that according to y^e Best of his
Knowledge this Depo^{nt} saw y^e first Bounder of y^e said tract of Land called Unity.
Standing near y^e place where y^e said Locust Tree now stands & further this
Depo^{nt} says that a certain W^m Tompkins who was y^e first taker up of a cer-
tain tract of Land called Burley (of which y^e said tree Standing near y^e place
where y^e said Locust Tree now stands was a former tree) told y^e Depo^{nt}
a certain Ind. White when he was taking up y^e said Land called Unity desir-
ed leave of y^e said Tompkins to goe y^e Bounders which y^e said Tompkins refused
But y^e some time after y^e said Tompkins told this Depo^{nt} they had y^e same
Bounders & further saith not

At y^e same time & place also came Before us Tho^s Collins aged about
(thirty)