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Now hereat to witt the Sixteenth day of November one thousand seven hundred and thirty one James Martin and James Rowd two of the Gent^l. Nominated in the sd Commission and makes returne of the same Commission and affidavits as followeth to wit.

This day to witt the 28th day of October 1731. Came before me the worshipfull James Martin in his proper person and was qualified by taking his Oath duly to Execute the the within Commission according to the tenor and Effect thereof as witt of my hand the day above written - Sam: Hopkins.
November the 2: 1731 Then came w James Rowd one of the within ^{mentioned} Commissioners before me the Subscriber and was duly Qualified to Execute the within Commission. Sworn before me. I said. Martin. —

In Obedience to a precept herunto annexed we the Subscribers having given due notice on the Second day of November anno. Dom: 1731. met on the Land Mount Hope in the presence of Joseph Brittning: Isaac Complamant (no deft) Isaac arthibald Deal an Evidence aged about forty one years and being Sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty God Saith that about Eighteen or Nineteen years ago that Old Hugh Single came to this deponant ^{house} and told him that the first boulder of Oliver Portion stood to the Eastward of a marked beach which said Beach this deponant took to be a boulder of Oliver's portion and that this deponant renewed the marks of the said Beach and that this deponant with Isaac Bredall and one Thomas Brown came by the said Browns directions from the said Beach (after that Soutley Whittrington had Surveyed Mount Hope) to aske but did not at that time find the first Boulder which said Isaac this deponant thinks it to be a little to the Northward of the supposed first Boulder of Oliver's Portion and that the said Thomas Brown did up and down from the said State to look for the boulder of Mount Hope but did not find it, upon that they went to Isaac Bredalls house and afterwards the said I said Single came out with this deponant and told him he took a marked white Oak standing by a swamp side next to the said Isaac's plantation to be the first Boulder of Oliver's Portion according to a plot that the aforesaid Thomas Brown shewed to Isaac that he had from Amapolis and further this deponant say that Old Single told him that he was informed that Mount Hopes and Oliver's Portion boulder stood near to one another and that he took the first boulder of one William Browns Land stood a very little to the North east of Oliver's Portion's Boulder and further Saith not.

The same day came Joseph Gray an Evidence aged about thirty nine years and being Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of almighty God Saith that about a hundred paces north North East from a pond and about twenty seven paces from the corner of Isaac Bredalls apple Orchard there or thereabouts stood a marked Beach tree before the said Ground was cleared which he was informed and always was deemed to be a boulder of Oliver's Portion but now no beach tree appears and further Saith not.

And also the same day came Thomas Gray an Evidence aged about twenty four years and being Sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty God Saith that about nine or ten years ago he lived at Isaac Bredalls and at the place above described he saw a beach stump but don't remember positively of the marks but that the said Bredall told him it was the second Boulder of Oliver's Portion and that the

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