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Pleasant negro girl of Mr John Stewart is adjudged by the Court to the age of ten years &c

Judah negro boy of Mr John Stewart is adjudged by the Court to the age of eight years &c

Dick negro boy of John Brittingham is adjudged by the Court to the age of nine years &c

The Reverend Alexander Adams  
Commission and affidavits.

Somerset & Charles absolute Lord and proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c Lewis Gale Thomas Gillis Benjamin

Collman and Peter Sirman are of Somerset County Gentlemen hearing I know Ye that we have appointed you or any three or two of you to be our Commissioners to examine evidence on behalf of Captain Alexander Adams of the County aforesaid Gent<sup>l</sup> in relation to the Consider of part of tract of Land lying in the County aforesaid called Smiths Adventure We therefore require you or any three or two of you at some time and place as to you or any three or two of you shall seem convenient you meet on the said Land called Smiths Adventure [you first having taken your Oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty God according to act of assembly in such case made and provided] and then come before you or any three or two of you at such Evidence as shall be to you or any three or two of you nominated by the said Complainant (or defendant if any) and that you examine them upon their Oaths to be by you or any three or two of you administered on the holy Evangelist of almighty God in the presence of the said Complainant (or defend<sup>t</sup> if any) touching the truth or Remembrance of their Knowledge or any thing that may relate to the Case aforesaid and that reducing the several 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 County Court of Somerset with all convenient speed Will of Samuel Hopkins Gent<sup>l</sup> Chief Justice of our said Court the Eighteenth day of March in the fourth year of our Dominion

On the Back side of the foregoing Commission it was thus Endorsed

The execution of this Commission appears by the several depositions herunto annexed

Somerset &c Deposition of Witnesses taken upon a tract of Land called Smiths Adventure in Somerset County upon the twelfth day of June and David One thousand Seven hundred and twenty nine before Thomas Gillis and Peter Sirman in pursuance of a Commission from Somerset County Court bearing date the eighteenth day of March 1728 directed unto Lewis Gale Benj<sup>t</sup> Collman and in the said Thomas Gillis and Peter Sirman we the said Thomas Gillis and Peter Sirman having first duly taken the Oath and given the Oath by the act of assembly in such case made directed

Isaac Noble of Somerset County planter aged about forty nine years being sworn upon the holy Evangelist of almighty God deposed and saith

That William Brereton fence in the Year seventeen hundred and Eighteen and seventeen hundred and sixteen which parted his plantation that he dwell upon from John Wallows which the deponent verily believes was the fence mentioned and intended in a deed made to the Reverend Mr. Alexander Adams by the said Mr. Brereton as the deponent hath been informed dated on or about the Sunday of March and David One thousand seven hundred and  $\frac{12}{13}$  begun at the foot of Adroping Creek (close by the Easternmost side of Paradise Park) which is about twelve yards to the north westward of a line marked with twelve Nails and that the said fence run from thence into the woods a little to the northward of a line of trees marked with four Nails by the deponent and John Thompson, the said deponent further deposed and saith that he hath forty five years by past been a near neighbour to the said William Brereton and was acquainted with the said Brereton's plantation the said deponent further deposed and saith that the line of trees before last mentioned is marked as near to where William Brereton's fence stood as the deponent and the aforesaid Thompson could mark it and keep to the Eastward of it and further with out sworn to before us Thomas Gillis & Peter Sirman