

November 1730

Year of Our Dominion &c. and David: One thousand Seven hundred and thirty

1730. Came the within named James Martin and James Rownd and qualified themselves to the within Commission taken before me the day & year above written - Sam^r Hopkins.

In Obedience to a precept herunto annexed we James Martin and James Rownd having given due notice on the 2. day of October 1730 on that tract of Land belonging to the abovesaid Mathew Burnall called Sherbourn and in the presence of the Suppliant (or deff^r appearing) came by William Forst an evidence aged Sixty three years or thereabouts and being sworn saith that to the best of his knowledge and remembrance on the Westernmost Side of an Old Indian path going along a bridge and to the Easternmost Side of a bald Cypress Swamp there stood and now stands a marked Red Oak which he always understood to be demed and counted upon the side of Leg^r Hammonds land that he then passed while said Red Oak with a bald Cypress post at the foot of it stands to the northward of that plantation where John Hammond Jun^r son of Edward Hammond Sen^r did live and further saith not as Witness Our hands & day & year abovesaid - James Martin, James Rownd

Nehemiah Holland } Somerset & Charles absolute Lord and proprietary of the province of Maryland and
Commission and affidavit } Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore } To John Burnall, William Lane, Robert Watson &
Stephen Dalton all of Somerset County Gent^l } Now ye that we have appointed you or any three
or two of you to be our Commissioners to examine Evidence on behalf of aforesaid Nehemiah Holland of the
County aforesaid in relation to the bounds of a tract of Land lying in County aforesaid called Burnalls 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 most convenient you meet on the aforesaid Land called Burnalls Adventure [you first having
taken your Oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty God according to an act of assembly in such case made and
provided] and there cause to come before you, or any three or two of you, all such Evidence as shall be
brought to you or any three or two of you nominated by the said Suppliant (or deff^r if any) and that you examine
them upon their respective Oaths to be by you or any three or two of you administered on the holy Evangelist
of almighty God in presents of the Suppliant (or deff^r if any) touching the truth or remembrance of
their knowledge or any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid and that reducing the several
depositions into writing you send it home together with this our Commission under your or any of your three
or two of your hand & hands to us to our County Court of Somerset with all convenient speed Witness
William Planner Gent^l one of our Justices of our County Court of Somerset the Twentieth day of June in the
Sixteenth Year of our Dominion &c. and David 1730

On the back Side of the foregoing Commission it was thus endorsed viz^t Memorandum that this day to wit
the 18th day of August 1730 before me John Handy one of his Lordships Justices of the peace for Somerset County Name
John Burnall Esq^r and Mr. William Lane and was sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty God to Execute the
within Commission according to an act of assembly for Examining Evidence in relation to the bounds of Land to the
best of their knowledge - John Handy

Maryland Somerset County &c. In pursuance of an act of assembly to examine Evidence in relation to
the bounds of Land &c. and by virtue of a Commission granted by the County Court to John Burnall W^m Lane
Robert Watson &c. or any three or two of them to examine Evidence in Relation to the
bounds of a &c. the tenure and possession of Nehemiah Holland
called