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Deceased according as the Law directs and do judge the dwelling plantation called Under Hall on which Archibald Greer a Tenant now Lives with all its appurtenances to be of the yearly value of a Thousand pence and the other Plantation cleared and Built on by Thomas Baker all his own Proper Cost and Charges on which his Widow now Lives with all its appurtenances to be of the yearly value of five Hundred pence Given under our hand this 18th Day of December Anno Domⁱ. 1730 In Birmingham
Signed William Blamner.

In Birmingham
Thos Layfield

W^m Bepper Esq^r { Whereas we the Subscribers Richard Hickman and George Howard were warned by of his Lands John Smith One of his Lordships Justices of the peace for this County of Somerset to be

and appear upon a certain tract of Land lying and being within County near the Indian River being now the property of a certain William Bepper son of William Bepper late of this County deceased being now an English under the Guardian Ship and care of Mr William Burton, and in pursuance of an Act of Assembly of this province; we the aforesaid Richard Hickman and George Howard did Enter on the above s^d Land with w^t above s^d Justice of the Peace and Gardian in order to toward Inspect into the Improvement and Condition therof as w^t Law Directs in such Case having first Taken our Oaths before the above said Justice of the peace well and truly so to doe and after due Inspection Made we find the premises to be as followeth on which Land we find a small Quantity of Cultivated or Cleared Ground and that in two severall places on one there is two houses the one of the Dimensions of thirty six feet in Length and Eighteen in Breadth the other ten feet Square both very old and much Decayed not sufficient to keep out Rain the bigger house is Planked above and below and the Loer Room Sealed but all very much Decayed and Little Worth and on w^t other place of Cultivated Land we find a small parcell of apple trees containing thirty six trees very small for the most part and not much worth at present and as for Inclosures we find five hundred and thirty panels of fence but all very old and Decayed and not sufficient to keep or defend what is Under tillage within the same and as for clearing of Ground or cutting of timber upon the above s^d Land we the above said viewers do not allow or permit the above said Gardian to clear more than a small copse not to cut any more timber then what Neighbores may repair the houses and fencing and Considering the premises above mentioned we do not think that the annuale value of the above said Plantation can be worth more than ten Shillings per Acre and this we return under our hands and seals as the Just and true Estimate of the above said plantation this twenty day of febry 1730.

Richard Hickman
George Howard

A just and true Information of the Repair and Value of the plantation of W^m Bepper according to the knowledge and Judgment of us the subscribers - Feb^r By the 9th day 1730 being the day on which we took account of the said Plantation and upon the same we find about 520 panels of fence but appears to be old and little worth and about 36 apple trees but the greatest part of them but small and appears to us to be of no great value at present - and also 2 houses the one about 25 feet in Length and about 18 in Breadth the other about 10 feet Square and both very much out of Repair the bigger one which is the dwelling house being Planked above and Below and the Loer Room sealed with Plank after a very Indifferant manner and both the houses together going very fast to decay and appears to us to be in a great measure insufficient to keep out the Rain