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 Depositions of Witnesses taken upon the Land Called North Bensitt in Somerset Co: on the Seaboard side and on the South side of Sait: Martins River this Twentieth Day of April one Thousand Seven hundred and thirty one before us the Subscribers. Commissioners appointed by the Worshipfull the Justices of Somerset County Court. to Examine Witnesses concerning the bounds of the afo: Land as follows Viz:  
 John Norton of Somerset County Planter aged forty five years or thereabouts being by us Sworn upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God Depoeth and Saith that about fifteen or sixteen years ago he was in Company with Stephen Odear and Thom: Quillin and they Shewed him a markt white oak standing on the South west side of a Creek Called Back Creek by the Water side between the mouth of Cutty branch and the old horse Gut and that the afo: Stephen Odear told him this Deponent that the afo: White oak was the first Bounder of Bonis Land Called North Bensitt and that this single Stephen Odear Shewed it to him and further saith Not  
 John Norton  
 mark

Jonas Smith aged thirty eight years or thereabouts being by us Sworn upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God Depoeth and Saith that about Eleven or twelve years agoe he Saw an oak markt with sixteen notches standing by the side of the afo: back Creek about the same place that John Norton Swore to and that he took it to be the first bounder of North Bensitt and further Saith not  
 Jonas Smith  
 mark

Thos. Bodeu aged forty one year or thereabouts being by us Sworn upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God Depoeth and Saith that about thirteene or fourteene years agoe he Saw a white oak that seemed to be marked for a marker tree that stood by the side of the afo: back Creek about the same place that John Norton has Swore to and some time after he was telling Nathaniel Rockliffe of the afo: tree and Rockliffe told him he thought it was the first bounder of North Bensitt for that stood thereabouts and further Saith not  
 Thos. Bodeu  
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And we the Subscribers caused two white Bakes of Paper to be marked with twelve Notches each about fifteen foot asunder at the place the above Evidence Swore to taken before us this day and year above written.  
 Nath: Hopkins  
 Wm: Lane

John Magloghlin  
 Commissioner and  
 Affidavit

Somerset P. Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To Thomas Gillis John Disharoon, Charles Noach and Benj: Woods all of Somerset County Gent: Greeting  
 Know ye that we have appointed you or any three or two of you to be our commissioners to Examine Evidences on behalf of certain John Magloghlin of the County afo: in relation to the bounds of a tract of Land lying in the County afo: containing one hundred and fifty acres called wood Land 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 afo: Land called wood Land you first having taken your oaths on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God according to 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 Evidences as shall be to you or any three or two of you nominated by the said complainent or Def: if any and that you or any three or two of you Examine them upon their Corporall oaths to be by you or any three or two of you Administered on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God in the presence of