

Robert Harris Esquire } Somersetst Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland
 & Affidavit . . . } and avarice Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To George Dashiell Henry Ballard—
 Isaac Hardy and Thomas Collier 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 orphans of John Persons who are under the care of Robert Harris of the County aforesaid in relation to the Bounds of the Tracts or parcels of land to witt second choice bears quarter and good luck 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 aforesaid Land called second choice bears quarter and good luck (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 their 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 complainant or deft. (if any) and that you or any three or two of you examine them upon their corporale Oaths to be by you or any three or two of you Administred on the holy evangelist of Almighty God in the presents of the complainant or deft. (if any) touching the truth or Remembrance of their knowledge or any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid and that reducing the severall depositions into writing you send the same together with this our commissions under your or any three or two of your hands and seals to us to our County Court of Somerset with all convenient speed WITNESS John Smith Gent one of our Justices of our said Court the twenty first day of March Anno Dom 1734 . . .

Now Verat this day to witt the fifteenth day of June Anno Dom. One thousand seven hundred and thirty six before the Justice of his Lordships County Court of Somerset now holden at Disming Creek in the said County came George Dashiell and Henry Ballard two of the Gentlemen named in the above Commission and made return of the following depositions to the above Commission as near as they can.

Somerset Countyst. The depositions of William Gillie taken on three tracts of Land vizt part of Second Choice Bear quarter and good Luck now in the possession of Robert Harris of the said County for perpetuating the Bounds of the said Land which are as followeth vizt. The Reverend Alexander Adams Aged about fifty six years being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God saith that some time ago as he thinks on the Twenty ninth day of January he was with William Kibble and severall others at a Red Oak near the path and the said Kibble told him that he marked the said Oak or saw it marked as the first Bounder or abounder of the Land good Luck and further saith not which Oak stands by a path that leads from parsones old plantation to M Gillies to the northward of a small Branch near the said plantation.

Richard Stearns aged forty seven years sworn as aforesaid and saith that about 15 years agoe he heard Stephen Bailey say that a Red Oak which stood by the path aforesaid was a former tree of a piece of Land that his house stood on & further saith not which was the same tree William Adams described