

Henry Ballard of Somerset p. Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore To John Finch Thomas Brown John Gray and David Polk

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 a certain Henry Ballard of the County of - in Relation to the bounds of a tract of Land called Turkey Ridge 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 Turkey Ridge (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 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 Corporall Oaths to be by you or any three or two of you Administered 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 anything that may relate to the cause aforesaid and that Reducing the severall depositions into writing you send the same together with this our Commission 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 twentieth day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty five

And now to wit the Eighteenth day of August Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty one at dividing Creek at about then and there held for the County aforesaid came David Polk and John Gray two of the Gentlemen nominated in the above Commission and made return thereof Endorsed with the severall depositions thereto annexed in form following

Sept: 18: 1736 Then came John Finch and was Qualified agreeable to Act of Assembly in that case provided to Execute the within Commission.. before

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July: 18: 1741 Appeared John Gray before one of his L: D: Justices of the peace for Somerset County and was Qualified as a Commissioner to Execute the within Commission as the Law Directs - Sworn before Geo: Dashiell

Somerset County p/ These are to Certifie whom it may Concern that notice has been given as by Law directed and the Execution of the within Commission appears by the Endorsments thereon and the severall depositions thereunto Annexed given under our hands and seals this 18 of July 1741

John Finch ⊕  
David Polk ⊕  
John Gray ⊕

The deposition of Mathew Dorman Aged about fifty Eight depones that some time ago he was in Company with his brother Henry Dorman and about a mile in the woods from the deponant's house northerly from the said House and that said Henry then shewed the deponant a large Oak standing in the place aforesaid near a Cart Road which leads to the deponant's House which the said Henry then told him that that said Oak was a bounder of a tract of Land called Turkey Ridge & to the best of his knowledge the first bounder of the said Tract and further saith not

Sept: 18: 1736  
John Finch  
David Polk

Mathew Dorman

The deposition of Henry Dorman Aged sixty nine years or thereabouts being Sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposes the