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three or two of you at some time and place as to you or any three or two of you shall think convenient you meet on the said Land called Winchester 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 complainant or deft: if any and that you orally three or two of you examine them upon their corporal Oaths to be by you or any three or two of you administered on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God in the presence 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 then reducing the several 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 Robert King gent: Chiefe Justice of our said Court the twenty second day of March anno domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty nine.

And now to wit the third Tuesday of March being the Seventeenth day of the same month anno domini one thousand seven hundred and forty at a Court then held at Dividing Creek before his Lordships Justices in and for the County of Somerset came Samuel Hopkins John Evans David Johnson and John Burnall the Gentleman nominated in the above Commission and made returne whereof endorsed with the severall depositions thereto annexed in form following.

April 18th 1740 Then was Capt Samuel Hopkins one of the within Commissioners and was duly qualified to execute the within Commission according to the directions of an act of assembly in that case made. Witness Sam: Martin

April 26th 1740 Then was David Johnson one of the within Commissioners Qualified to execute the within Commission according to the directions of an act of assembly in that case made and provided John Evans and John Burnall was duly Qualified the day last mentioned according to Law Witness Sam: Hopkins

April the 26th 1740 The Commissioners appointed to examine evidences of the bounder of Winchester meeting with the bee following evidences at John Gates: vizt William Kenel Williams Turville and Elizabeth Glass located or patrolled in north easterly to a point of marsh in the lower part of his neck lying open to the mouth of the creek and opposite to St. Martins River at the point of marsh dividing between the creek called Gates creek the other Kennels creek to a certaine hut springing out of the one into the other with a little island to the eastward of the said hut called Shad hut as the following deponents term it.

William Kenel aged about forty one years being solemnly sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God by the subscriber the Commissioner to examine evidences of a certain tract of land called Winchester declares that the hut above described he believes to be Shad hut and the first bounder of Winchester for the reasons following for that he heard Capt William Fapitt declare on his Oath to the Land Judges or Justices some considerable time ago when they mett on the same land in Dispute