

November Court Anno Domini 1741 — (187)

But remembered that pursuant to an order of Court holden at Charles Town on the second Tuesday in August last Commission issued Returnable here to Examine Evidence touching the bounds of part of a tract of Land in the said County in possession of James Rankin in the Monday following viz

Charles County viz Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore viz to Mr John Winter Mr Benjamin Douglass Captain, Samuel Chunn and Mr Peter Wood Gentlemen

Whereas James Rankin, holds part of a tract of Land, called Warpers, best lying in the said County, did on the Eleventh day of August being in the thirty third year of our Dominion viz to refer his certain Petition in Writing to our Court, that is to say to our County Court, held at Charles Town, in and for the said County, on the day aforesaid before Robert Hanover and his Associates, then and still our Justices within our County, viz for Commission to Examine Evidence to prove and perpetuate the memory of the bounds of the said tract of Land, according to the Directions of the Act of Assembly late made & provided. Know ye, that we have given you, any Three or Two of you (not being any way so Related to the Petitioner, Contiguous Proprietor, nor Interested in the said Land, and having taken the Oath prescribed by the above named Act of Assembly (full Power and Authority to Examine upon their Corporal Oath, to be by you, any three, or Two of you, Administrators, all Witnesses which shall be nominated to you, any three, or Two of you, by the above named Petitioner, or other Person concerned, touching their Knowledge of the bounds of the said tract of Land above named, or the bounds of any other Lands, whereon the said tract depends, or is to be related, and therefore we command you, any Three or Two of you, that you call and cause to come before you, any three, or Two of you, all Witnesses so nominated at a certain Day by you, or any three, or Two of you, to be appointed upon the above named tract of Land, and the Examination of every Witness so called before you, that you, any three, or Two of you receive, and the same Examination, you, any three, or Two of you, carefully reduce into Writing, in the Presence of all Parties concerned that shall be there present, and the Examination so taken as aforesaid you, any three, or Two of you, are to return to the Justices of our Court, with all convenient Speed under your Seals, or the Seals of any three, or Two of you, together with this Writ. Provided always that all Parties concerned living within or without the County aforesaid have Notice according to the Directions of the Act of Assembly before mentioned, of the day and place of the Execution of this our Com. before the Execution thereof, and that you, any Three, or Two of you, are to return to our Justices aforesaid, with all convenient Speed, a Certificate of such Notice, together with the Examinations of the Witnesses. Witness Robert Hanover (one)