

August Court Anno Domini 1719

Then, and still our justices within our County aforesaid, by 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 and Provided. KNOW ye, that we have Given you, any Three, or Two of you, not being any way Related to the Petitioners, Contiguous Proprietors, 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 Oaths, to be by you, any Three, or Two of you, Administered all Writings which shall be Remitted to you, any Three, or Two of you, by the above Named Petitioners, or other Person Concerned, touching their Knowledge of the Bounds of the Tract of Land above Named, or the Bounds of any other Land, whereon the said Tract depends, or where to it relates, 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 mentioned Tract of Land, and the Examination of your Writings so called before you, that you, any Three, or Two of you receive, And that 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 Commission, before the Execution thereof, and that you, any Three, or Two of you, and to return to our Justices aforesaid, with all convenient Speed, a Certificate of such Notice Given, together with the Examination of the Writings. Witness our Hands and Great Seal of the Province of Maryland at Charles Town aforesaid the 15th day of June in the 35th Year of our Dominion, 1719 Anno Domini 1719.

Edm: Porten, Clerk

Spued June 28th 1719.

And now here at this day to wit the second Tuesday in August aforesaid Two of the Commissioners aforesaid Return to the Court here the Commission aforesaid with the subsequent Depositions & Certificate hereunto annexed Viz^t Mem^o on the Oath of the foregoing Commission for the following Indorsement Viz^t Charles County July the 31st 1719 then was Cap^t Samuel Chumers qualified to Execute the within Commission.

Before: In^o Winter

Charles County fo^r July the 31st 1719 then came Mr. Peter Wood and was qualified to Execute the within Commission —

Sworn before: In^o Winter

Charles County fo^r July the 31st 1719. The Deposition of Richard Smith aged Sixty one years being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God says that about fifteen or sixteen years ago at the Request of Colonel Sandall and Mr. William Linn he Come to Run the Courses of the Gleebe Land of William and Mary Coriack at which Time John Linn shew^d him a Corner with 2m to the Place where he this Deponent now stands (it being on the South Side of a Run falling into Potets Creek) and shew^d them a bounded Hickory Standing by the said Run and told him it was the Beginning Tree of the said Gleebe Land and he further says that he set his Instruments at the said Hickory and made a Run on the said Land therefrom and in Running he says that the first Line Runn^d on Course and distance which brought him to the second Tree of the said Land and further he saith that after Running the first Course that the Number of perches mention^d in the Certificate of the said Land was not at the place where he now stands (it being in a Branch on the North Side of the Gleebe house) where he says the above mentioned John Linn shew^d him a bounded Oak and told him it was the second Round Tree of the said Gleebe Land (which Oak now appears fairly bounded on Two Sides with Three Notches on Each Side) and further he saith not —

Richard Smith Sworn