

And you administered all Writs &c 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 Tract of Land above named or the bounds of any other Lands whereon the aforesaid Tract Depends or whereto 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 Writs &c 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 every Witness so Called by 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 writt. 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 with all convenient speed a Certificate of such Notice given together with Execution of the Writs &c. Witness Thomas Stone Gentleman one of our said Justices of our said Court at Charles Town aforesaid the Tenth Day of August in the thirtieth year of our Dominion. To Anno Domini 1788  
 Given August 11<sup>th</sup> 1788  
 Edm Porteus Esq

And now here at this day to wit the second Tuesday in November aforesaid two of the Commissioners aforesaid Return to the Court where the Commission aforesaid with the subsequent Depositions hereunto annexed viz Charles County sh<sup>r</sup> sheweth that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 1788 came Messrs John Beal Junior and Richard Gammon and was then Justified to Execute the within Commission Repre

Will Elbeck

Charles County sh<sup>r</sup> By virtue of a Commission from the said County Court dated the Tenth day of August Anno Domini 1788 Directed to the subscribers to Examine Evidence to Prove and Perpetuate the Memory of the bounds of a certain Parcel or Tract of Land lying in the said County called None such We met on the Premises on the Independent Day of February following to appointment and after being duly qualified by the Worshipful William Elbeck according to an act of Assembly in such Cases Provided We Proceeded to take the following Depositions

1788 February 27<sup>th</sup> Peter Littleburn aged Thirty seven years or thereabouts being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God Declared that about eleven or twelve years ago a certain John Gardner Come with this Deponent and standing at some distance Pointed at the Tree which this Deponent now lays his hand upon and Told him it was the Beginning or Ending tree of the Land this Deponent then Looked on being there the Tract of Land called None such the said Tree standing on a hill side near the Path that goes to Mattawoman and being Carried from thence to a large White oak this Deponent  
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