

Concerning a Survey near the Hoarshill the Late at that time worth 10. 10. 100

will produce; but when you have procured y^e Disputation you may dispute this with him more fully: If you cause y^e M^r. Jour. to returne a Certificate for the 3000 Acres q^u.tt. him to do: it according to his Survey. beginning at a marked Red- Oak-standing by Mr. Wicomis- or whose Hill path n^o. 22. y^e Head of Sassafras River, and running North 1200 feet, then East, then South, then West to his first Cr^o.; but I wish you may get a Commission and w^h. shall do: well enough, pray to be diligent in it, and so you will both do: your S^t. of a kindnes and him that is

June 23th: 1683:

Your oblig^d. S^t. servant
Tho: Vaughan

I was this upon demand of the said Vaughan whether or no he had formerly had any familiarity or dealings of the like nature with the aforesaid Howellin from whence he might so confidently attempt to corrupt an Officer of the Exchequer after his manner

For answer he denyeth what ever before been concerned with y^e said Howellin for one Acre of land b^e lie: the 3000 Acres mentioned in the Letter, or to have had at any time any Communication with the s^d. Howellin, to encourage him to this attempt, which he was heartily sorry for, if it had been injurious to him, but declares that he had no such designe in it, neither did he conceive it criminal when first he mentioned it in his Letter for that he had knowne it practicable amongst Deputy Surveyors to returne into y^e Office the Survey of land which they had not found but were of another Officers laying out, which he could make appear, and produced a Letter under the hands of - Gold Low: to that purpose.

Which was read & forthwith Command given by his Ex^{ty} to the Secy^{ry} the s^d. Ex^{ty} strictly to inquire thereunto & examine whether any Certificate had been returned into the Office by virtue thereof or any Grants passed under those circumstances.

The said Vaughan received y^e s^d. check of the Ex^{ty} and this Board for his confidence in attempting to corrupt the afores^d. John Howellin then Clerk of the Land Office, and M^r. Rob^t. Jour. Deputy Survey^r. but for his hearty recognition & submission is discharged & the said John Howellin cleared from y^e Disputation laid on him by reason thereof his Innocency therein to this Board plainly appearing.

