

But further such a Method of Proceeding; is a great means for the Increasing Perjury and the Subornation of it, for the Witnesses being examined in such a publick manner, either party knowing the strength of the Evidence against him may be tempted to procure false Witnesses to Invalidate the same.

For the Remedy of all which Inconveniencies I Humbly offer it to His Lordships Wisdom and Consideration, That an Officer may be created with power and Authority given to him as well for the taking, Examinations of Witnesses as to the fact in Issue agreeable to the Business & Nature of the Office of an Examiner in Court in the Chancery of England, as for the taking all Accounts Decreed Reporting all matters of fact referred to him, as also for taking all affidavits and probates of Testaments agreeable to the Nature and Business of a Master in Chancery in England and also with all other and such powers as are practised and exercised by the said Officers of Examiner and Master in the Court of Chancery of England, so far as the different Circumstances of the Court of Chancery of Maryland and the Court of Chancery of England will admit, for the said Offices being no way Incompatible, and the Business of the Court here not being so great, But that one Person may execute both, if they are joyned a person of greater Skill and Honesty may be procured

By this Method (the Intended Officer constantly residing in Annapolis) the Depositions of Witnesses may be taken at any time as their Convenience serves They will be taken likewise in the greatest Privacy (The Officer being sworn for that Purpose) and it is hoped with Cleanness and Accuracy, Decrees will be taken and stated with Expedition and Judgment, The Attorneys attending the Officer with their Reasons Objections and Answers (concerning the same, all matters of fact referred by the Court, will be reported with Greater dispatch and all the proceedings carried on with less Expence than they are at present

All which is Humbly submitted to his Lordships Consideration
Dated this Ninth Day of June 1733,
Sam^l Ogle

Whereas in pursuance of our Order our Chancellor The Honourable Sam^l Ogle Esq^r hath Certified to us by his Report bearing date the Ninth Day of June 1733 That it is his Opinion that the Practice in our Court of Chancery of Issuing Commissions to persons residing in the Country as well to take the Examinations and Depositions of Witnesses as to the fact in Issue in the Cause, as also to take all Accounts between the Parties is attended wth great Delay and Expence to the Suitor as also with a just reasonable fear of the Increase of Perjury and Subornation of it, and that for preventing the like Inconveniencies for the future It is Necessary that an Officer should be created for the taking such Depositions and matters of Account which Officer shall constantly reside in our Metropolis and be sworn faithfully to execute his Office We taking the said Report & Opinion Into