

Ask out to his certain knowledge that all the Inhabitants within the things said from Green Branch  
 to Currier's Bridge and beyond their Town in Maryland and that all the Land to the Westward of the Drain  
 and Rowdens was deemed by the Inhabitants to be in the Province of Maryland. And this Deponent further  
 saith that he was very well acquainted with the Plantation where John Willey did live when he committed the  
 Murder on William Cotton and that Plantation was at least within the limited bounds of Worcester  
 County in Maryland and this Deponent saith he never knew nor understood that any part of the Great  
 Neck was claimed by any Pennsylvania Right till within this five Years and to his certain knowledge where  
 Greenly Branch Bridge is was a Hunting Place and now a Bridge and that the limited Bounds of  
 Maryland extended six or seven Miles to the Northward up the said Branch And this Deponent saith  
 that he was always told by the Super People as well as the Marylanders that the same Drains and  
 Rowdens was the Division of the two Provinces And this Deponent further saith that he was very well acquainted  
 with Green Branch and that he had his Information from the Inhabitants of both Provinces that all the Lands  
 on the Southernmost side of Green Branch was in Maryland And this Deponent saith he understood that Mr  
 William Shankland Surveyor of Sussex County had made some surveys on Maryland's side of the Drains and  
 Rowdens and he went to the aforesaid Shankland to get him to survey a Piece of Land for him which Mr  
 Shankland refused to do and said it was more than he could answer to do for Mr. Cotton had Ordered him  
 to the contrary and told him not to survey any Lands over the Drains or Rowdens for that was out of  
 their Province but the aforesaid Shankland told this Deponent that if he would give him a Bond to indemnify  
 him and carry him safe into his own Province he would survey the Land for him and further with out

Sworn to this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1759 before

W<sup>m</sup> Colledge

John F. Hextwood  
Clerk

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor of Maryland

Sir Mr. William Miller Surveyor of Kent upon Delaware on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of June last did come  
 within the Bounds of Queen Anne's County and between our Patent Lands held by the Lordships Parents and  
 execute a Warrant granted under the Pennsylvania Rights for and in the name of Robert Whitman Joseph and  
 a Piece of vacant Land adjoining to a tract of Land of William Roberts who had then a special Warrant in  
 Hand to Recovery his Tract of Land called Roberts Chance with an intent to include the same now the same  
 is in a Doubt & knows not what to do. I Advise him to execute his Warrant & hold his Property of small  
 Improvement he has on the same he making good Rights to the Vacancy & complying with all other  
 Requisites usual in such Cases might his Lordships Grant of Confirmation be as unto him because for the  
 same. He still doubts if the Lands upon the Division between the two Provinces should fall into Pennsilva-  
 nia he shall at least lose it. This part of our County goes by the Name of the Glass Head in a Tract of the  
 main Branch of Chestnut River. The Evidences to prove this are

John Norman, William Roberts & Edward Shimer of Queen Anne's County

Daniel Lewis, & Thomas Underhill of Kent upon Delaware

John Norman & Daniel Seward their Coaches

I never could get the Truth of this Affair till this Day I am your Excellency

Most humble & most obedient Servant

John Bruce

August 27<sup>th</sup> 1759

To Richard Peters Esq<sup>r</sup> in Philadelphia

My Sir Andrew Collings of Sussex County Requests a Warrant for One hundred & fifty Acres of  
 Land more or less situate in the County aforesaid the West side of Delaware Bay lying & being in the  
 Forest of the Broad Hill Hundred and in some Neck adjoining on a Tract of Land called Drandy Wood  
 belonging to himself and a Tract of Land belonging to Thomas Lewis and on a Tract of Land belonging  
 to John Grant which Land is clear of all former Lawfull Claims to the best of my Knowledge Certified  
 this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1757 by me  
 W<sup>m</sup> Shankland

The Lands to be recovered by this Letter are in the same Neck of Land in which Shankland refused to make  
 a Recovery for Thomas Collier Vice Colliers Deposition

W<sup>m</sup> Hayward

The said Depositions being read are ordered to lay for further Consideration