

to know by what Names the several Tracts of Land which lye on these Islands & on so much of the Main Land as is opposite to them are called before they can find the Patents whereby they were granted away by Your D<sup>y</sup>s Ancestors, I have wrote to the Sheriff Surveyor of Dorchester County & ordered them to return a List of the Names of all those Lands to the Judges of the Land Office without Delay & I have desired the Judges of the Land Office to have Copies of the several Patents made out as soon as possible which shall be properly authenticated & transmitted according to Your D<sup>y</sup>s Instructions. I have likewise wrote to the Sheriff Surveyor & desired them to make the strictest Enquiry whether any Vessels of Burthen have ever passed thro the Sound abovementioned, & in case any Persons shall be found that remember such a Transaction I have desired them to take proper Affidavits which shall be authenticated & transmitted also without Delay. Mr Emory is I find ready to certify that so much of the Draft as the Line from Fenwick's Island passes over is truly laid down & also that the Figures which denote the Depth of Water in sundry Parts of the Sound are just & right; but he cannot swear that the whole is an exact Copy of the Draft or Map which the Pens.<sup>d</sup> Surveyor & he signed & returned to the Commissioners, as he did not keep a Copy by him but only the Minutes from which it was laid down, however I presume such a Certificate as he can give is as much as can be wanted, & shall therefore transmit it with the other Papers. I shall by this opportunity send Your D<sup>y</sup> a Copy of the Commission by Virtue of which the Divisional Lines were to have been run according to the Articles of Agreement, that Your D<sup>y</sup> might be the better able to judge what sort of Commission it will be necessary to send over at this time