The Commissioners' Gift. Continued.

we found, from the Certificate of our Surveyor on said Commission, returned to us upon oath, that the tract of land called "The Range" does not contain, by twenty Seven Acres, the quantity for which it was originally Surveyed; Now therefore, by the authority vested in us, acting as Commissioners as aforesaid, we have caused the said piece or parcel of land containing about 15 Acres as aforesaid, to be carefully surveyed, have included the same within the metes and bounds of "The Oak Farm", and have returned the Certificate of the Survey thereof together with our proceedings on said Commission, in order that he, the said John Shadrick having first caused the said Certificate to be entered upon the land records of St. Mary's County, and also, in the land office of the State of Maryland, may have and hold the said land, in fee simple, in lieu of losses and deficiences, herein before shown; according to the Act of Assembly in such cases, made and provided. In testimony whereof &c.&c.

~~Note. Supply "we find"~~

"Surprise". See Plat page 114

Originally Surveyed, the 10th. of June 1788, for Robert Laland. (note) Beginning at a bound Red Oak with 6 notches a corner boundary of "Aberdeen", and running thence, 1. S.86°.W.52p^s. 2. N.48°.W.12p^s. 3. S.73°.W.48p^s. 4. N.65½°.W.42p^s. 5. N.84°.W.10p^s. 6. S.71°.W.18p^s. 7. N.45°.W.66p^s. 8. S.45°.W.72p^s. 9. S.45°.E.200p^s. 10. N.43°.E.42p^s. 11. East. 52p^s. 12. N.63°.E.70p^s. to the public road, thence, by a straight line to the beginning containing 170 Acres, more or less.

Cop^d. from the Certificat of Survey.

Note This Survey was made for Robert McClelland, and not for Robert Laland, as above. It has not been patented, nor has the Composition money been paid on the Certificate.

The first ~~six~~ Seven courses are identically the same as the 2d. 3d. 4th. 5th. 6th and 7th and 8th of "Aberdeen", except that the 8th course of "Aberdeen", stops 60p^s. short of the end of the 7th. of "Surprise".

The 12th. course does not reach the public (The West St. Mary's) road, by a considerable distance; and there is much inexplicable confusion about the whole tract, as will be shown hereafter. See page 114 Note.

March 1853. I suspect that "Surprise" was resurveyed in 1790: together with other Confiscated lands in the same locality. Being Jas Locke's work. However, such Confusion and Error are both in character.

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"Aberdeen". See Plat page 114

Originally Surveyed, the 9th. of March 1763 for William Kilgour and patented to him during the same year. Beginning at a White Oak marked with 6 notches, on the north side of the main fresh of "Crany Creek", and near the "West St. Mary's road, and running thence. 1. S.25°.E.144p^s. 2. S.86°.W.52p^s. 3. N.48°.W.12p^s. 4. S.73°.W.48p^s. 5. N.65½°.W.42p^s. 6. N.84°.W.10p^s. 7. S.71°.W.18p^s. 8. N.W.60p^s. 9. N.22°.E.100p^s. thence, by a straight line to the beginning containing 100 Acres more or less. Copied from the patent.

Note. 1st Course S.25°.E.

"Bonaccord". See Plat page 114

Originally Surveyed the 19th. of May 1763. for William Kilgour and patented to him the 25th. of May 1763. Beginning at a Box Oak marked with six notches, adjoining a tract of land called "Plumb Point", or "Green's Rest", and running thence, 1. S.26°.E.37p^s. 2. S.75°.E.66p^s. 3. South. 80p^s. 4. S.57°.W.40p^s. 5. N.57°.W.28p^s. (Note 5th. Co. is N.75°.W.28p^s.). 6. N.5°.W.34p^s. 7. S.68°.W.34p^s. 8. S.30°.E.40p^s. 9. S.35°.W.25½p^s. 10. S.32½°.E.30p^s. 11. N.70°.E.67p^s. 12. N.E.57p^s. 13. N.19°.E.38p^s. 14. N.36°.E.26p^s. 15. N.16°.E.12p^s. 16. N.40°.E.26p^s. 17. East 48p^s. 18. North 47p^s. thence, by a straight line to the beginning. **For the 5th Co. See note below.**

Note. It will be observed that the 12th. 11th and 10th courses of "Bonacord" precisely reverse the 8th. 9th and 10th courses of the "Range", and as these tracts are known to lie adjacent, there is a reasonable probability, that they adjoin on these lines.

On the 15th. of January 1851. I attempted to resurvey the South Eastern lines of this land on this supposition. Commencing at the Cedar post of "The Oak Farm", marked "XIX", which is also the 3d. boundary of "Hard Bargain", and the end of the 6th. line of "The Range", and thence, ran, with an allowance for variation, as when ran in 1849. the 7th line of the Range Towit N.W.9½p^s. where, supposing it to be 13p^s. on the 12th. line of ~~"The Range"~~ "Bonaccord", I ran the remaining 44p^s. of said line, and then the 13th. 14th. 15th. 16th and 17th courses with an allowance of 1 Deg. to the right. I continued the said 17th course, supposing it to be the line of "Green's Content", for the distance of 109.625p^s. Thence, to the marked White Oak by the North side of the branch, by the road, N.10p^s. E.8.7p^s. (2 Ch^s. 14l.)

We had previously found the Survey of "The Range" so inaccurate, that the parties in this Survey (Wm. Load and A. N. Milburn) hesitated, or declined to place confidance in any Survey based thereon, or depending upon it, consequently this resurvey is only experimental.

43 Note. The 5th Co. of "Bonacord" was no doubt run N.75°.W. and erroneously entered N.57°.W. The Surveyor followed the lines of "Bean's Inclosure", The error is in figures only.