blowing the Water out — that at Common Low tides no part of the said space to the South of Philpotts Hill between the two Wharves, is dry, more than at this time; but that at uncommon low tides, when the wind has blown for a time, from the North West, he has known the space bare of Water as far as the Wharves are now Extended by the said Gates; and once he knew the Water so entirely blown out and so low, that it was bare, or nearly so, for the whole space from the upper Wharf, quite a cross to Dells point that at the time when the tides are so very low from North West winds blowing, this Deponent hath known it to be naked mud, at the Wharves, when at Other times the Bay Vessels lay and unloaded their Cargoes — he saith that in the whole space, that becomes bare by these two tides, or between the Extremity of it next the Water and the main Land of Philpotts Hill he never knew any part that could with propriety be called a Channel, and that how Confident from the main Land to the Extent of the space which is Ever left dry by the Ebbings of the Water — there is no place, or Channel, which is one foot deeper covered with water than the Other parts — This Deponent further saith that the Island, Lying Southward of Harrisons Marsh, has increased Considerably since he first knew it and has Extended more Southerly — This Deponent further saith that he hath known the Lands and Waters at this place, About thirteen years — That at the times when the tide was so uncommonly low, this Deponent Remembers Vast quantities of fish, were caught among the Grass, when at other times, Boats sailed over — This Deponent also saith that he never knew, any Boats or Canoes could pass up and down in any Channel — Through the Flatts, in any Course, between the main Land and the Deep Water, when the tides were so low, as to leave the flatts bare of Water, This Deponent also saith that at this time, the Whole space between

the said Wharves is Covered with live Water —

March 24th 1785 — Tho.s Elliott

Sworn before

Geo. Gould Dresbury

The Deposition of William Arisguith of Baltimore County, aged fifty one years and upwards, who being sworn on the Tract of Land Called Rogers.s Inspection Deposeth and Saith that he hath been acquainted with the Waters of the North West branch of Potapsico and Jones.s Falls Ever since the year 1761 — That the Live Water at Comman Tides usually Ebbed and flowed up Jones.s Falls nearly as high as Mores mill — that this Depenent hath seen flats and Boats with two masts goe up Jones.s Falls near as far as Griffiths Bridge that in the year 1762. this Depenent Recollects a sloop or Schooner was built at Banksons Wharf a little above Philpotts Bridge, that he thinks the said Vessel would Carry from five hundred to seven hundred Bushels — and that the Water at Banksons Wharf was at the time about four and an half feet at Comman Tides, that at this time its very shallow being greatly filled up — That the said Vessel came down the Falls, but he does not Remember to have seen her goout — That he Recollects the Marsh or Island at the South End of Harrisons Marsh in the year 1761 — that the Island was not so large as it now is, or so long, and that it has grown to the Southward something larger — that this Deponent Remembers in the 1763. when it was Common Tides, Batteaus and Canoes could go out from Jones.s Falls into the Bason or River Potapsico in a South Direction — that when the Tide was low the Vessels Usually went out into the Bason around Philpotts Hill where the Water was deeper — That at high Tides he thinks that Wood flatts in the year 1763 might have went from Jones.s Falls into the Bason in a Southern Direction, but at Low tides they Could not — that the Space of Ground to the Southward between the two new Wharves building by Thomas Yates was always covered with Tide Water at comman Low Tides — that he does not Recollect ever to have seen the said space between the two Wharves uncovered with water, only at very low tides Occasionally by long North West winds;

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