The Deposition of John Moale Esquire, aged fifty years or upwards, who being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, on the tract of Land called Rogers. Inspection, Deposeth and saith, that the Space to the Southward of Philpotts Hill, between the two Wharves lately began by Thomas Gater is now and has always been covered with Tide Water, and that this Deponent does not Recollect ever to have seen the said space Dry, that within about two years past he saw the Flatts appear shoal and a channel near the point — Inclining round the shore of said Hill — that this Deponent Cocsnot know of what Depth the Water was at that time he saw — it shoal as aforesaid neither did he see or know of any Vessel or Boats passing upon Coun the same at that time — that the said channel appeared deeper than the flatts to the Southward of it. — That this Deponent has a flatt Laden with flour, which passed down Jones.s Falls from Mores Mill, he thinks about thirty years ago, Laden with twenty or thirty Barrels, which passed out as this Deponent believes into the North West branch of Potapsico — inclining from a Southern Direction rather towards the Bank on Philpotts Hill — that this Deponent does not Recollect ever to have seen any Flatts Loaden pass in or out of Jones.s Falls in a fourth Direction — this Deponent also saith that he hath seen these Waters at times ever since the year one thousand seven hundred and forty three — that when he first became Acquainted with these Lands he does not Recollect ever to have seen the Island now at the Mouth of Jones.s Falls, altho he has been fishing about it on the Eastern Bank of the Falls near to it — that when this Deponent had heard that John Bond had Taken up the Island aforesaid, he was induced to take some notice of it — and does not think it was one Quarter so large as it appears at present — This Deponent also saith to the Westward of the point now shown the surveyor, there was a Brig built upwards —

of

of thirty years ago by one Sligh — This Deponent also saith that between twenty and thirty years ago Flatts and Other Vessels in order to get up — said falls went to the Eastward of the Wharf carried out by Thomas — Yates at the mouth of the Falls inclining towards Philpotts Hill aforesaid, there being as this Deponent hath been informed the — Deepest Water. —

Sworn before

John Moale.

March 1785 — Geo Gould Brefbury

The Deposition of Benjamin Griffith of the County of Baltimore, aged forty Eight years or there about who being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God on the tract of Land called Rogers. Inspection, near to Yates.s Upper Wharf; Deposeth and saith, that this Deponent came to Residee in the town of Baltimore in the month of May, in the year seventeen hundred and fifty three — that the Space to the southward of Philpots Hill — between the two Wharves began by Thomas Yates, is at this — time, which is a Comman lowtide, covered with Tide Water — that ever since he became Aquainted with this place, it always has been covered with Tide Water, Except at very low tides occasioned by long North West Winds, when the flatts to the south of — Philpots Hill, have been uncovered by Water — This Deponent Also saith, that he has seen, about thirteen or fourteen years ago, when the tides were high, Scows, that used to carry one hundred Barrels of flour Laden, pass out, in a South Direction from the mouth of Jones.s Falls into the Bason — that when the Tides was low, the scows used to steer more easterly after having the Mouth of Jones.s Falls — that this Deponent about ten or twelve years ago first discovered the Space of Ground to the Southward of Philpots Hill, between the two wharves began by Yates uncovered of Water,