the face whereof the said erasure and alteration manifestly appears compared with the plat to the said certificate annexed, and compared with exhibit No. 2. in this cause filed which it is prayed may with the other exhibits referred to be taken as part of this information. And the Attorney at the relation aforesaid states that the whole of the land included in said Certificate (as he is informed and believes) does lie, and is situated within the reserves of the late Lord proprietary in Baltimore County, in express opposition to the terms of the Warrant and the known and established rules of the Land Office — And the Attorney General further states that after the said erasure and alteration was made the said Robert Amos in further prosecution of his fraudulent and Iniquitous designs, clandestinely and secretly forged or procured an assignment of said Certificate from William James therein assigning unto Joshua Amos all the right title and interest of William James in and to said Certificate and the land and premisses for value received without the knowledge consent or approbation of said Joshua Amos, which said Assignment is endorsed on the back of said Certificate, and afterwards the said Robert Amos the better to conceal his fraudulent practices obtained a patent thereon in the name of Joshua Amos, which said Joshua Amos the Attorney General has been informed and believes never paid any consideration to said James for the assignment aforesaid did not know that patent was obtained in his name and hath never claimed any interest in said lands in virtue of the Patent, but his name in the whole of this transaction was made use of without his privity or consent by the said Robert Amos who now claims and ever has claimed said lands the better to cover and protect his fraudulent practices aforesaid — And the Attorney General at the relation aforesaid further informs your Honor that a Warrant of resurvey hath issued to David West on a tract of land in his seisin in fee and possession, called the Meadow of Virtue of which resurvey the Surveyor hath surveyed and included for said West in his certificate and plat returned to the Land Office all that land which was excluded by the Original expressions of James's certificate but included within the fraudulent and forged expressions on which patent hath been obtained to the defrauding of the then Proprietary and now State of Maryland to which State the said David West is now ready and willing to pay for said land but the said Robert Amos claims the same in Virtue of the patent issued on his forged certificate to the injury and fraud of the State of Maryland and the said David West — The Attorney General further informs that no deed or conveyance after accurate examination can be found from Joshua Amos to Robert Amos for said land so that the fee simple of said land is yet vested in Joshua Amos altho' he doth not claim said land, but the same now is and always hath been [illegible] enjoy[illegible] by Robert Amos who concerted and carried into exe=c[illegible] said [illegible] tender consideration whereof and for as much as [illegible] only [illegible]eable in this Honorable Court where frauds [illegible] cognisa[illegible] grants obtained by fraud and deceit [illegible] d therefore that the said Joshua Amos [illegible] Bounty [illegible] dant herein named and their confeder=a[illegible] their [illegible] Corporal Oaths true distinct and perfect [illegible] ters and things herein before set forth [illegible] in repeated and severally —

Interrogated and that the same Joshua Amos declare, whether he at any time and when paid any and what sum to William James for the assignment of the said Certificate of Good Hope to him, and if the said Assignment was made and executed to him with his privity knowledge or consent, and whether patent issued on said Certificate to him with his privity and at his request, or at whose instances and procurement the said assignment in his favour from William James took place, and at whose instance and procurement the said patent was issued in his name, whether he hath since said patent issued held claimed and possessed the land therein mentioned as his own proper right and estate, whether he hath at any time and when conveyed all or any part of said land and to whom when and for what consideration, or whether the said land is claimed held and possessed by Robert Amos at this time and for how long past, and under what title or authority, whether he at any time bought said land of William James or bought from him the Certificate of said land, and whether the whole transactions so far as his name appears in the assignment and patent, did not take place without his knowledge consent or approbation, and that they severally declare whether the whole any and what part of said land (if any) did not at the time of the survey and grant lay within the reserves of the late Lord Proprietary or if any and what part lay out of the reserves — And that said Patent may be vacated and annulled and that patent issue to David West for so much of the land contained therein as the Relator David West hath included in his Resurvey and that the State and the said Relator may have such other and further relief in the premisses as the nature of the case and Equity and good conscience require, May it please your Honor to grant the States Writ of Subpoena to the said Joshua Amos and Robert directed commanding them to be and appear under a certain pain and on a certain day to Answer the premisses to shew cause why said patent should not be vacated and annulled and stand to and abide by such Order and Decree therein as to your Honor shall seem meet and just —

Philip B. Key for Compl^t.

Exhibits referred to in the Bill —

William James his Certificate 71 p Acres, Good Hope, patented to Joshua Amos Junr. the 8th of February 1775 —

Baltimore County ss. By Vertue of a Common Warrant granted out of the Proprietary Land Office on the first day of March 1774, to lay out for William James of Baltimore County seventy Acres of land &c. I James Calder Deputy Surveyor of Baltimore County do hereby Certify that I have surveyed [illegible] carefully laid out for and in the name of him the said William James [illegible] of [illegible] lying in Baltimore County, Beginning at two bounded [illegible] Oak standing on the North side of a branch [illegible] the foot [illegible] running thence North ten degrees West [illegible] one hundred and thirty six perches [illegible] twenty two perches, West South West [illegible] three hundred and forty one perches [illegible] eighty perches East eighteen perches [illegible]