containing and laid out for 71½ Acres more or less to be held of the Manor of Baltimore by the name of Good Hope, March 2d 1774 —

Jas. Calder D. S. B. County

May 24th 1774 Examined and passed — W. Scott Examr —

On the back of the foregoing Certificate was the following Assignment & Receipt Vizt —

I do hereby assign unto Joshua Amos Junr all my right title and interest of the Certificate and the land and premises therein mentioned for value recd as Witness my hand this 1st of Novr 1774

William James

Test. Jno Campbell —

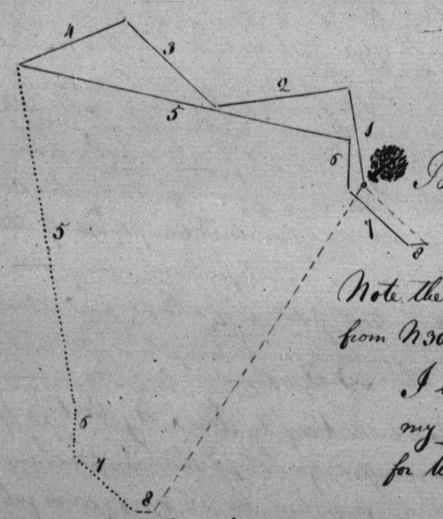
I have received one shilling and six pence for caution and four shillings and two pence for rents to Mich. 1775 — Patent may therefore issue with his Excellencys Approbation —

Danl of St Thos. Jenifer

8th Febr. 1775 — Approved Robert Eden

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy from the Original Certificate now remaining in the Land Office of the State of Maryland, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Seal of Office this 2d day of January 1794 —

Jno Callahan Regr L. Off. W. S.



Note the 5th line of this Survey has been altered from N 30 E, or thereabout to S. by E

I certify that there is no such Survey on my as the above, Good Hope 71½ Acres surveyed for Wm James —

Jas. Calder

Whereupon accordingly issued Subpoena against the said Joshua Amos and Robert Amos returnable to the next Court at which next Court to wit, the first Tuesday of October 1795. came the Sheriff of Harford County and made return of the said Subpoena [illegible] at the same Term came William Pinkney Esquire of [illegible] Amos, and Jonathan R. Wilmer Esquire of Counsel [illegible] appeared to the said Bill, and the said [illegible] Term 1796. The Defendants aforesaid [illegible] lowing to wit

[illegible] Amos of Baltimore County to the [illegible] lation of David West [illegible] much of the said Information as

he is advised it is material for him to Answer unto, Answereth and saith, that some time in or about the beginning of the year seventeen hundred and seventy five this Defendant this Defendant ~~understood~~ from Amos the other defendant in this Cause that the land in the Bill mentioned was to be patented in his name for the benefit of the said Robert Amos and that this Defendant was only to be the nominal patentee and was to convey after the issuing of the grant to the said Robert Amos in fee — That this Defendant does not remember that he understood any other particulars relative to the said land at that time from the said Robert Amos and is satisfied he heard nothing of any fraud actually practised or intended to be practised with regard to the certificate of the said land at that or any other period farther than he has lately heard of it in conversation and has found such fraud alledged by the information in this cause, that he has no knowledge of the said supposed fraud or of the privity of the said Robert Amos thereto, that he has never seen the Certificate or assignment mentioned in the information, and that on the seventh day of November seventeen hundred and seventy five he executed a deed of a conveyance for the said land to the said Robert Amos in fee according to his engagement which deed was acknowledged by him, and as this Defendant is informed and believes duly recorded among the Land Records of Harford County in Liber A No. 1 page 448. This Defendant further saith, that he has no sort of Interest or concern in the present dispute that he is acquainted with, and hath no knowledge of any of the matters and things in the information stated than he has above described and he denies all manner of combination &c. And prays to be hence dismissed with his Costs and charges in this behalf sustained —

Wm Pinkney for Joshua Amos

Harford County to Wit, On this 19th of March 1796. Joshua Amos in this answer named appeared before Me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for the said County and made Oath that the several matters and things in the said Answer contained are just and true as therein set forth according to the best of his knowledge and belief. —

Sworn before Tho: Bond

The Answer of Robert Amos one of the Defendants to the Bill of Complaint of the Attorney General on the Relation of David West Complainant. — This Defendant saving and reserving to himself now and at all times hereafter all and all manner of benefit and advantage of exception to the manifold uncertainties and imperfections in the Complainants said Bill of Complaint contained for Answer thereunto or to such part thereof as this Defendant is advised is material for him to answer unto saith, that he the Defendant did not apply for or obtain the Warrant on which the Certificate of survey called Good Hope was executed and returned to the Land Office, nor hath he any knowledge or information, how, to whom, or in what manner it issued than what appears from the Records and proceedings in the Land Office, neither did this Defendant procure the Certificate of survey to be made out or returned, nor did this Defendant make the said survey or direct the same to be made — This Defendant further answering saith, his first knowledge of the said Survey w[illegible] from a certain William Vousden Assistant Surveyor under James Calder, who [illegible] Defen[illegible] he had taken out a Warrant, and had locate[illegible] upon [illegible] actually surveyed and laid off in the name [illegible] for t[illegible] Defendant might purchase the same fro[illegible] Defendant recollects was about four or five [illegible] Defendant that he was going to leave the [illegible] a consideration for his new survey, stat[illegible] had a prior survey and he would [illegible]