of the said Calder here taken down, being to him read, he says, that it is fully and justly taken down, And in Testimony thereof he hereto subscribes his name —

Ja: Calder

The above deposition taken and subscribed in Open Court —

A. C. Hanson Chan.

And the said Cause so standing continued until October Term 1797, the Commissioners aforesaid made return of the said Commission with Interrogatories, Depositions and all their proceedings in the words following to Wit — " —

28th of Nov. 1796, John Cox affirmed before Nicholas D. M'Comas — " —

12th Dec. 1796 - Nich. D. M'Comas qualified before N. Smith — " —

28th Nov. 1796, Frederic Amos Clerke, qualified before Nich. D. M'Comas

David West, Plaintiff — " —
vs
Joshua & Robert Amos, Defendants.

In Chancery
November 28th 1796

" —

John Cox, Nich. D. M'Comas, Jn. Ramsey, Jn. Weston — Commissioners —

At which time John Cox appeared and qualified, also Nich. D. M'Comas, who qualified Frederic Amos as Clerk to the Commissioners — Adjourned till Monday 12th Dec. to Meet at Coop Town — Met according to adjournment. Present, John Cox, Nich. D. M'Comas — Captn. James Calder being duly sworn deposeth and saith — Quest. by David West — What do you know concerning a certificate made out in the name of Wm. James called Good Hope —

Ans. I know nothing of it, I have search my books and find no such survey on them — Ques. by Robert Amos asked Capt. Calder, whether he made out all his surveys himself or had any assistants — Ans. I had Assistants — Who were them Assistants name them — Ans. I had different Assistants at different times but do not recollect who they were in the year 1774 — And further this Deponant saith not — True Copy, Test, Fred. Amos Clk to Commiss.

Thomas Johnson aged about sixty nine years being duly sworn deposeth and saith — Qu. by Defendant — Qu. 1. Do you know the parties in this cause or either of them — Ans. I know them both, how long have you known them — I have known David West a few years and Robert Amos from his infancy — 2. Qu. Did you or did you not act as Assessor or Commissioner of the tax in Harford County — Ans. as Commissioner of the tax I acted by appointment and as Assessor to assess the Assessors the year not remembered nor whether I went to Robert Amos's house or not — Do you recollect whether Robert — Amos was Assessor the first year of the Assessment law — Ans. I remember he was — Do you [illegible] conduct of Robert Amos respecting a tract of land called Good [illegible] in to be assessed for 614 Acres and so it stands on the A[illegible] book [illegible] conversation passed between you and him at the time relate [illegible] W. A[illegible] I had conversation at different times about [illegible] 110 A[illegible] never signified he had a desire to have it [illegible] than 614 Acres [illegible] so it stands on the Commissioners book — [illegible] it stand[illegible] from the first assessment law to this day [illegible] a certain William Vounden Deputy — [illegible] Ans. no I know nothing of him and



further this Deponant saith not — True Copy, Test, Fred. Amos Clk

Henry Wilson aged about 49 years being duly sworn deposeth and saith, Qu. by Defendant 2. 1. Do you know the parties in this cause or either of them — Ans. Yes, I have known them a number of years — 2. 2. Did you or did you not act as Assessor or Commissioner of the tax in Harford County, Ans. I acted as Commissioner in the year 1777. Do you know what was the conduct of Robert Amos respecting a tract of land called Good Hope — I know nothing of the conduct of Robert Amos respecting a tract of land called Good Hope and cannot recollect whether I assessed Robert Amos or not but think it probable I did as I did assess several of the Assessors in conjunction with Thomas Johnson — 3. Qu. Did you know or was you acquainted with a certain William Vounden Deputy Surveyor for James Calder of Baltimore County — Ans. I know nothing of him nor his conduct, and further this Deponent saith not — True Copy, Test, Fred. Amos Clk — " —

Alexander Rigdon aged about fifty four being duly sworn deposeth and saith — Q. by the Defendant — Q. 1. Do you know the parties in this Cause or either of them — Ans. I have known them a number of years — 2. Did you or did you not act as Assessor or Commissioner of the tax in Harford County — Ans. I acted as Assessor in the years 1777, 78, and 79 Do you know what was the conduct of Robert Amos respecting a tract of land called Good Hope I recollect that Robert Amos in the course of the time gave in that tract of land to me to be assessed for the quantity of 64 Acres and described to me the place where it lay and that he likewise told me that the Certificate of survey or patent contained something upward of 70 Acres and by course and distance it contained the aforesaid quantity of 614 Acres and I made the return for 614 Acres to the Commissioners of the tax — 3 Q. Did you know or was you acquainted with certain William Vounden deputy Surveyor for James Calder for Baltimore County — Ans. Yes I said know he acted as deputy Surveyor in the year 71, but know nothing of his conduct as to taking out Warrants — Q. 4. Was or was it not customary for said Vounden while he acted as Deputy Surveyor to sign the name of James Calder to Certificates of Survey — Ans. I know nothing of my own knowledge but I have heard Capt. Calder say he did and further this Deponent sayeth not — True Copy, Test, Fred. Amos Clk —

Ja: Kidd being duly sworn deposeth and saith — Qu. by David West, please re-late what conversation passed between you and Joshua Amos respecting a patent that was brought to him by Robert Amos — Ans. we were talking about it he said that there was a patent issued in his name but he knew nothing about it till after the patent came out and that he the said Joshua signed over his right which he could soon do for he never had any — Qu. by Robert Amos do you know where you were when this conversation passed — Ans. yes I do we were at Joshua Amos's Mill — Q. by Robert Amos did you or did you not know any thing of William Vounden — Ans. yes, I know him very well — Did you or did you not know of any other Surveyors except James Calder and Vounden making any surveys in this part of the County — I dont remember of any other except Vounden [illegible] ever heard whether Vounden was displaced from Calders service till he left the parts [illegible] and further this Deponant sayeth not —

True Copy, Te[illegible] Am[illegible]

Benjamin Amos being duly sworn deposet[illegible] saith, [illegible] the parties in this Cause or either of them. [illegible] a number of years — 2. Did you or did you [illegible] act as As[illegible] in Harford County — Ans. I did not — [illegible] William Vounden Deputy Surveyor for Ja[illegible] I know he acted as Deputy Surveyor [illegible]