said platt and certificate thereof herewith filed exhibit No. 5 to which the said Attorney General refers and prays the same may be taken as part of this his information will more at large appear. — And the said Attorney General by and at the relation aforesaid further informs your honor that the said Thomas Snowden and Charles Alexander Warfield manifesting a strong desire to deprive the relator Samuel Godman of the priority and benefit of the said proclamation warrant and also of the land affected thereby altho the said Samuel Godman as first discoverer was and still is justly entitled to the same did in the month of April seventeen hundred and ninety five enter a caveat against any patent issuing on the said certificate called Columbia alledging & pretending that the said resurvey called The Victory and also the resurvey and certificate thereof made by and in the name of the said relator and called Columbia does not now ever did lay in one entire and compact body but that the same was and still is cut asunder by elder surveys; and that according to the rules of the Land office no patent can issue for vacant land under any warrant of resurvey unless the whole of such vacancy lies adjoining to and is connected with the original tract without any elder surveys interfering with such resurvey. — And the said Attorney General by and at the relation aforesaid further informs your honor that the said Snowden and Warfield to afford some colourable pretext for their said conduct in caveating the certificate of Columbia as aforesaid did on the third day of April seventeen hundred and ninety five procure a proclamation warrant on the certificate called Equity and in consequence thereof on the second day of April in the year following returned a certificate of survey thereon called Justifiable and containing the quantity of eight hundred and fourteen acres of land as by copy of the said certificate herewith filed Exhibit No. 6 to which the Attorney General refers and prays the same may be taken as part of this his information will more at large appear. — altho the said Attorney General charges and so the truth is that the said Joshua Fisher had long before abandoned and relinquished all claim or title to any land under the resurvey of Equity he being satisfied (after repeated runnings by different) surveyors that the tract of land called The Victory did not lay foul of elder surveys. — and also that at the time the said Snowden and Warfield obtained their said warrant they or one of them held, occupied, possessed and titled under the title of the The Victory the same land or part thereof which they afterwards included in the resurvey called Justifiable. — and the said Attorney General also charges that the said Snowden and Warfield well knew at that time; that the said Fisher had withdrawn his caveat & relinquished all claim to the land included within the lines of

The Victory as will more fully and at large appear by referring to the proceedings in the Land office and to the depositions taken by the parties to this cause under orders of the Judge of the Land office to which the said Attorney General refers and marked Exhibit No. 7 and prays the same may be taken as part of this his information. — And the said Attorney General by and at the relation aforesaid further informs your honor that in order to have the said caveat so as aforesaid entered by the said Snowden and Warfield against the said Godmans certificate called Columbia dismissed an order did issue from the Land office bearing date on the day of Seventeen hundred and ninety directed to the Surveyor of Ann Arundel county requiring him to lay down the lands in dispute or any other lands which the said parties might require in consequence of which order the said Surveyor did lay down the lands in dispute as will appear by the platt hereto annexed marked No. 8 to which the said Attorney General refers and prays the same together with the depositions taken on the said survey may be considered as part of this his information. — (And the said Attorney General by and at the relation aforesaid further informs your honor that by mistake of the Surveyor Basil Burgess when he made out the certificate of resurvey for the said Seth Warfield and which by agreement was to lie on the tract of land called The Victory the said Resurvey on actual measurements runs into an elder tract of land called Pleasant Meadows contrary to the intention of the parties and contrary to the agreement of the said Henry Ridgely and Seth Warfield so that the said Samuel Godman cannot at this time connect his said survey into one entire body owing to the mistake aforesaid committed by the surveyor as aforesaid. — And the said Attorney General at the relation aforesaid further informs your honor that the said Seth Warfield obtained a patent on his said resurvey called Warfields Forrest on the fourth day of July seventeen hundred and ninety four, in which said resurvey by mistake of the surveyor is included part of the land comprehended within the lines of The Victory where the same binds on the tract of land called Pleasant meadows and also the said resurvey runs foul of Pleasant Meadows by which the resurvey called The Victory is cut asunder; and the said Attorney General is informed that by the rules of the Land Office no patent can issue on an elder certificate if a patent on a junior survey hath been obtained for the same land till such junior grant be vacated; and also that no patent will be issued from the land Office on any certificate of resurvey where the vacant land included does not adjoin the original tract. — And the said Attorney General by and at the relation aforesaid further informs your honor that the said relator being the first Discoverer and applicant for a proclamation warrant on the certificate of the resurvey called The Victory and having obtained the same [illegible]