named James Gittings the sum of one thousand pounds current money the same being the consideration money above mentioned. -

Geo: Buchanan.

Witness. Saml Johnson. Eliz^a Johnson. -

Baltimore county, to wit. on the twenty eighth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine came before us the Subscribers two of the Justices of the peace for Baltimore county aforesaid George Buchanan within named and acknowledged the above instrument of writing as his act and deed and the land and premises therein mentioned to be the right and estate of the within named James Gittings his heirs and assigns forever according to the true intent and meaning thereof; and of the act of assembly in such case made and provided. -

Acknowledged before Lyde Goodwin, Jas. Calhoun

Received to be recorded the 16th day of February 1790. same day recorded among the Land records of Baltimore county court Liber W G. No. E.E. folio 128 &c. and examined p^r.

Wm Gibson Clk.

The proof that there has been actual possession of Hills Forrest (by living on the same) under the title of Joseph Hill above named ever since the year 1772. The proof that whilst it lay out in woods unoccupied it was reputed to belong to a person of the name of Ogle or to a person down the country. - The proof M^r. John Thomas aged fifty six years and upwards a person connected and well acquainted with the said Hill family that in the said Hill family. - Hills Forrest was always reputed to belong to the said Joseph Hill and those claiming under him and that he never heard that any other of the family claimed the same. - That Henry Hill son of Doctor Richard Hill who was brother of Joseph Hill and heir at law of Henry Hill father of the said Richard and Joseph was occasionally frequently in the state of Maryland from the year 1761. to the year 1772 that about the year 1769. 1770 or 1771 the said Henry Hill spent for two years most of his time at the house of the said John Thomas in the state of Maryland in company with M^r. Ogle above named the then reputed owner of Hills Forrest. That Doctor Richard Hill father of the last named Henry Hill

and son to Henry Hill before named was born in Maryland and came from the Island of Madeira where he then resided to the state of Maryland in seventeen hundred and fifty two and stayed in Maryland among st his relations in and about the city of Annapolis for the space of one year. - That the executors of Joseph Hill above named and him the said John Thomas as Guardian of M^r. Ogle paid the quitrentin Hills Forrest for M^r. Ogle from the death of Joseph Hill until the marriage of M^r. Ogle above named. - The proof that no person has held any part of Hills Forrest claiming it as such except those holding under Joseph Hill above named. - The want of evidence that Richard Hill the heir at law of his father Henry Hill or that Henry Hill the heir at law of Richard Hill or any other person ever claimed a right to Hills Forrest or any part thereof except Joseph Hill above named and those claiming under him, and no title being now set up by the Defendant under the heirs of Henry Hill father of Joseph Hill. - and the Counsel for the Defendant on their part offered in evidence to the Jury that the tract of land called Hills Forrest for which the present Ejectment is brought was patented to Richard Hill in these words to wit. -

Captn. Richard Hill
Pat: 1000 acres
Hills Forrest. -

Charles R^y. To all persons to whom these presents shall come Greeting, in our Lord God everlasting. Know ye, that for and in consideration that Captn. Richard Hill of Ann Arundel county in our said province of Maryland hath due unto him one thousand acres of lands within our said province being due to the said Hill by a warrant for the same quantity granted him the one and thirtieth day of July one thousand six hundred eighty three as appears upon record and upon such conditions and terms as are expressed in the conditions of plantations of this our province bearing date the second day of February one thousand six hundred eighty two and remaining upon record in our said province of Maryland. - We do hereby grant unto him the said Richard Hill all that tract or parcel of land called Hills forrest lying in Baltimore county in the woods above the head of a river called Gunpowder river and upon the south side of the north branch of the said river - beginning at a bounded red oak standing at the head of the north line of a parcel of land formerly taken for James Johnson of Baltimore county Gentleman and running from