Richard Beard deputy Surr. under Capt. Richard Smith Surr. Genl. have laid out for the said Dryer a peice of land called Dryers Inheritance lying on the west side of the north branch of patuxent river beginning at a bounded red oak standing by the said branch it being a bound tree of Thomas Browns running north sixty two degrees west eighty six perches to a bounded red oak in a branch then north six degrees west three hundred sixty two perches to a bound white oak then north sixty six degrees east one hundred and twenty perches to a bound white oak standing by the said river, then bounding on the said river running south five degrees east two hundred and seventy perches then by a straight line to the first bounded tree containing & now laid out for two hundred & fifty four acres of land to be held of the manor of Anne Arundell. — Pr. me Richd. Beard.

A true certificate according to courses and number of acres. Exam.d by me.

Clement Hill Senr. Exam.r

Ditto Assignm.t Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Brown of Anne Arundell county have sold assigned & set over, and by these presents do sell assign & set over unto Samuel Dryer of this county two hundred and thirteen acres of war.t it being part of a war.t granted me for six hundred acres of land bearing date the third day of febry 1695. To have and to hold the same from me my heirs exors & admrs to him his heirs & assigns forever. In Witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & seal this 25.th day of febry 1695. Thos. Brown (Seal)

Ditto assignm.t Know all men by these presents that I John Doddridge of Anne Arundell county have sold assigned & set over & by these presents do sell assign & set over unto Samuel Dryer of the same county twenty one acres of warrant it being part of a warrant granted me for three hundred acres of land bearing date the 7.th day of febry 1695. To have and to hold the same from me my heirs exors and adm.rs to him his heirs and assigns for ever. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 25.th day of febry 1695. — John Doddridge (Seal)

Ditto Assignm.t Know all men by these presents that I Richard Beard of Anne Arundell county have sold assigned and set over, and by these presents do sell assign & set over unto Samuel Dryer of the same county twenty acres warrant it being part of a warrant granted me for three hundred acres of land bearing date the 6.th day of octobr 1695. To have and to hold the same from me my heirs, exors & adm.rs to him his heirs & assigns forever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 25.th day of Febry 1695. — Richard Beard (Seal)

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy from Liber B. No. 3 folio 333. one of the records belonging to the Land office of Maryland. I have hereto set my hand & affixed my official seal this 3.d day of December 1799. Test Jno. Callahan. Reg.r Ld. Off. MS.

(Seal of the Land office M. S. M.)

Samuel Dryers pat. 254 acres. Dryers Inheritance

Charles Absolute Lord & Proprietary of the province of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To all persons to whom these presents shall come Greeting in our Lord God everlasting. Know ye that for and in consideration that Samuel Dryer of Anne Arundell county in our said province of Maryland hath two hundred & fifty & four acres of land due to him in our said province, two hundred and thirteen acres being due unto him by assignment of that quantity from Thomas Brown of the said county out of a warrant for six hundred acres granted unto the said Thomas the thirteenth day of february one thousand six hundred ninety and five & twenty one acres more thereof being due unto him by assignment of that quantity from John Doddridge of the said county out of a war.t for three hundred acres granted unto the said Doddridge bearing date the seventh day of febry in the year aforesd. and

the remaining twenty acres due to him by assignm.t of that quantity from Richard Beard of the said county out of a war.t for three hundred acres granted unto the said Beard, bearing date the sixth day of octobr in the year aforesd. all which war.ts appear in our land office and were granted upon such conditions and terms as are expressed in the conditions of plantations of this our province bearing date the day of april one thousand six hundred eighty and four, and remaining upon record in our said province of Maryland. We do therefore hereby grant unto him the said Samuel Dryer all that that a peice of land called Dryers Inheritance lying on the west side of the north branch of patuxent river, beginning at a bounded oak standing by the said branch it being a bound tree of Thomas Browns and running north sixty degrees west eighty six perches to a bounded oak in a branch then north six degrees west three hundred sixty two perches to a bound white oak then north sixty six deg. east one hundred and twenty pches to a bound white oak standing by the said river then bounding on the said river running south five degrees east two hundred and seventy pches then by a straight line to the first bounded tree containing and now laid out for two hundred fifty four acres of land more or lesse according to the certificate of survey thereof taken and returned into our land office bearing date the five and twentieth day of febry one thousand six hundred ninety and five and three remaining together with all rights, profits benefits & privileges thereunto belonging, royal mines excepted. To have and to hold the same unto him the said Saml. Dryer his heirs and assigns forever, to be holden of us and our heirs as of our manor of Ann Arl. in free and common soccage by fealty, only for all manner of services yeilding & paying therefore yearly unto us & our heirs, at our receipt at our city of Saint Mary's at the two most usual feasts in the year viz.t the feast of the annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary & Saint Michael the Arch Angel, by even and equal portions the rent of ten shillings and two pence sterling in silver or gold and for a fine upon every alienation of the said land or any part or parcel thereof one whole years rent in silver or gold or the full value thereof in such commodities as we and our heirs or such officer or officers as shall be appointed by us and our heirs from time to time to collect and receive the same shall accept in discharge thereof at the choice of us & our heirs or such officer or officers as aforesd. provided that if the said fine for a fine for alienation shall not be paid unto us & our heirs or such officer or officers as aforesaid before such alienation & the same alienation entered within one month next after such alienation the said alienation shall be void & of no effect. Given at Annapolis under our great seal at Arms the tenth day of march one thousand six hundred and ninety five Witness our trusty and well beloved Col.o Henry Darnall keeper of our said great seal in our said province of Maryland. —

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy from Liber B. No. folio 334. one of the records belonging to the Land office of Maryland I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 3.d day of December 1799.

(Seal of the Land office M. S. M.)

Test Jno. Callahan Reg.r Ld. Off. MS.

he then read in evidence to the Jury the certificate and patents of Browns Forest and Freeborns Progress —

Browns Forest, 387.a granted Thomas Brown 10 march 1695. surveyed for him the 24.th Febry 1695. lying on the west side of the north branch of patuxent river beginning at a bounded red oak in a branch and runs S. 62. E. 86. P.s to a bounded red oak by the river then bounding on the river S. 25. W. 44 P.s then S. 55. W.