name as a Witness to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator & at his request and this deponent doth further affirm testify and declare that he saw Edm.d Jennings & Sally Reynolds (the other subscribing witnesses to the said Will) severally subscribe their names as Witnesses to the said Will in presence of the said Philip Hammond the deceased Testator & at his request.—

Affirmed before me. M. Macnemara D. Com.r a.a. County

Ann Arundel county. sc.t On the 26.th day of may in the year one thousand seven hundred & sixty came Sarah Reynolds one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will & made oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that she saw the Testator Philip Hammond sign seal publish pronounce and declare the aforegoing to be his last Will and testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of this deponents knowledge & belief of a sound and disposing mind & memory & that she the Deponent subscribed her name as Witness to the said Will in the presence of the said testator & at his request & this deponent doth further declare upon her oath that she saw Edm.d Jennings & Gerrard Hopkins the other subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will severally subscribe their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Philip Hammond the deceased Testator and at his request

Sworn before M. Macnamara D. Com. a.a. Coty

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy from the records of the late prerogative office the Seal thereof is hereto affixed

Reg.r Wills Seal this 2.nd day of May 1785. Tho.s Gassaway Rt. Register

The Defendant also offered evidence that in virtue of the said Will he the Defendant entered into and became possessed of the said tract called Dryers Inheritance, and produced and read in evidence to the Jury the following depositions which were admitted as evidence in this cause, to wit. the depositions of John Barlow. Valentine Brown, James Hirley, Benjamin Dorsey and Aby Davis.

Rezin Hammond
ag.t
Deborah Dorsey

N.o 1. Caveat in the Land Office

The Deposition of John Barlow aged eighty three years being duly sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God deposeth and saith that the place a spot he is now at was shewn to him by John Hatherly as the place where Samuel Dryer built a house at and lived in the same, this Deponent saith that the said Hatherly informed him

he remembered the said house, and this deponent saith that the cleared land to the westward of this place has been cleared upwards of sixty years and that he remembers these old fields before the late Mr. Philip Hammond father to the said Rezin Hammond purchased the tract of land called Dryers Inheritance, and that he has allways heard the same called Dryers old fields. This deponent further saith that these old fields has always been in the peaceable possession of Mr. Philip Hammond and his heirs, and that he never understood otherways, and he further saith that he hath allway heard the land this side of the river called Hammonds land and that he never knew of it being claimed by any other person, and that he never heard that Captain John Dorsey claimed any land this side of the river, but he heard that Eby Dorsey son of the said John claimed some of the land this side of the river and cut down some trees, and marked some logs, growing thereon, and that some dispute occurred between Col. Rezin Hammond and Mr. Eby Dorsey respecting the same, and that Col. Hammond drove Mr. Dorsey's people off of the land and took away from him the logs cut down, and that he never heard of any other dispute between them; this deponent saith that he was born in this neighbourhood and allway lived about four or five miles from this place.—

John his ✝ mark B Barlow

June 17.th 1795. Test Vachel Stevens Sur. a. a. Coty

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N.o 2. Caveat in the Land office.

The Deposition of John Barlow aged eighty three years being duly sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God, deposeth and saith that the old fields lying to the westward of this place has been cleared between forty and fifty years, and have always been in the peaceable possession of Mr. Philip Hammond and his family ever since, and that he never knew or heard of any other person having any claim to the same.—

John his ✝ mark B Barlow

(Test Vachel Stevens Sur. of a.a. Coty) June 17.th 1795.

Rezin Hammond
ag.t
Deborah Dorsey

N.o 1. Caveat in the Land Office

The Deposition of Valentine Brown aged sixty three years or thereabouts being duly sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God deposeth and saith that the place a spot where he now is was shewn him by his father Valentine Brown after Samuel Dryer had taken up the tract of land called Dryers Inheritance and informed him that Samuel