Mr James Jaffray Sir

In conformity to a commission issued by Alexander McKim and Luke Tiernan Esquires referees appointed in a suit depending in the General Court for the Western Shore of Maryland wherein Isaac McPherson is plaintiff and James Jaffray Defendant I shall attend the Commissioners in the said Commission named or such of them as shall attend at the house of John Gadsby in the Town of Alexandria on Friday next the 3rd Instant between the hours of 9 & 3 of said day to hear the depositions of such persons to whom Interrogatories may be put at which place and time if you think proper you will attend

Signed Isaac McPherson

State of Maryland Baltimore County To Wit on the 22nd day of October 1803. personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Jonas McPherson who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that on the first of June last at or about the hour of Eight in the afternoon he delivered to James Jaffray the original notices of which the foregoing are exact copies

Owen Dorsey

Baltimore County To Wit on this Twenty seventh day of October Eighteen hundred and three at the hour of ten Oclock in the morning and at my Office in Gratham street personally appeared Jacob Brown who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that on the second day of June last past he was applied to by James Jaffray to go as his agent to Alexandria to attend the taking of depositions of certain Witnesses residing in Alexandria in virtue of a Commission which the said James Jaffray informed this deponent was issued by Messrs Alexander McKim and Luke Tiernan arbitrators appointed by rule of the General Court in a cause there depending against the said James Jaffray at the suit of Isaac McPherson that the said James Jaffray also informed this deponant that the said Commission had been delivered by the said Arbitrators to the said Isaac

McPherson to take on to Alexandria that the time appointed for taking the depositions was the next day to Wit the third day of June aforesaid at the house of one John Gadsby in Alexandria between the hours of three and four Oclock in the afternoon and that William Hodgson was named as one of the Commissioners and the said James Jaffray then delivered to this deponant certain Interrogatories in writing to be answered by the said Witnesses on their Examination before the said Commissioners that this deponent accordingly went to Alexandria aforesaid and about nine Oclock in the morning of the third of June aforesaid he met with the said Isaac McPherson at the door of the said John Gadsbys house and enquired of him respecting the said Commission that the said Isaac McPherson appeared very unwilling to give any answer to the deponant but on being pressed to answer the said McPherson said he knew nothing of Jaffrays business that he was going immediately to Dumfries and would not be back for a week that this deponant then went to the house of William Hodgson one of the Commissioners named in the said Commission who told this deponant that he was so engaged he could not attend to the business that day that this deponant then went to the Counting house of Hezekiah Smoot who was one of the Witnesses intended to be Examined and was then informed that Smoot was thirty miles from town and was not expected home for a week that this deponent remained in Alexandria aforesaid until half past three Oclock in the afternoon of the said third day of June and being satisfied from the circumstances above stated that nothing further could be done in the above mentioned business that day he departed from Alexander and returned to Baltimore where he informed the said James Jaffray of the facts above stated this deponant further says that about three Oclock yesterday afternoon the twenty sixth day of October Instant at the request of the said James Jaffray he this deponant left at the dwelling house of the said Isaac McPherson in the City of Baltimore a notice signed in writing by the said James Jaffray.