aforegoing is a true Copy from the original certificate now remaining in the Land office for the Western Shore of Maryland I have hereto set my hand and (seal) affixed my official seal this 7th day of June 1805.

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And offered evidence that the same was returned to and in the Land office on and before the 4th February 1762 The Defendant also produced and read to the Court and Jury the petition of the said David Ross the father bearing date the 6th September 1763. praying that caveat might be entered against the issuing of a grant for the Land contained in the certificate for Pleasant valley in the words following Maryland S.t To the Honourable Benedict Calvert and George Stewart Esqrs the Lord Proprietarys chief Judges in Land affairs within this Province The Petition of David Ross of Prince georges County. humbly sheweth that his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esquire had heretofore to wit on the 3rd day of June 1745 surveyd and laid out for him a Tract of Land called pleasant valley that the said certificate of the said Survey afterwards remained post poned in the Land office and became subjected to the benefit of the first discoverer agreeable to his Lordships proclam.n That your Petitioner obtained a special warrant according to the direction of the said Proclation to effect and secure the said Land which warrant was executed and certificate of survey thereof returned to the Land office on which his Lordships grant has since issued to your Petitioner for 425 acres called by the name of white oak level That by enquiry into the Land office your petitioner finds that Benjamin Tasker Esq. attorney in fact for

the said Thomas Bladen his since the date of your petitioners warrant on the proclamation aforesaid made and assignment of the aforesaid certificate called pleasant vally assurveyed for the said Thomas Bladen unto a certain George Mason of Virginia and given order for patent to issue to him for the same your pet.r apprehends that land to be his property in virtue of his said proclamation warrant and therefore he prays that no patent may issue to any person on the said Thomas Bladens certificate untill he is heard before your Honours in relation to the premises and as in duty bound he.l pray &c. Let caveat be entered as prayed

To the clerk of the Land office 6th Sept.r 1763.

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And to prove that the said petition was not founded in truth the Defendant produced and read to the Court and Jury the Special warrant with the recital therein that issued to the said David Ross the father for the said Land called white oak Level which are as follows to wit

1761 Jan.y 16. rend in W.S No 4. folio 220 app.d to white oak Level.

Whereas Doctor David Ross of Prince Georges County by his humble petition to his Lordships for management of Land affairs within this Province did set forth that there was about the quantity of three hundred acres of vacant Land known by the name of white oak Level lying on the mouth of Roverts creek partly cultivated by means whereof the petitioner concerned the same could not be taken up by a common warrant humbly prayed a special warrant to effect and secure it and that on return on a certificate of such survey he complying with all other requisites usual in such cases might have his Lordships Grant issue unto him