thereon which was granted him he having paid
the sum of fifteen pounds sterling caution for the
same provided he sues out such grant within
two years from the date hereof lay out therefore
and carefully survey for and in the name of him
the said Doctor David Ross the aforesaid quantity
of three hundred acres be the same cultivated or
otherwise not running your lines and so forth
In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy from
Liber N.S. No. 2 folio 170 one of the Records belonging
(seal) to the Land office of Maryland I have hereto
set my hand and affixed my official seal
this 8th day of September 1806.

John Kelly Reg. L. Office.

The Defendant then shewed and proved to the
Court that the caveat entered by David Ross
the father on the 6th September 1763 or that entered
by the said David Ross the Son one of the Lessors
of the Plaintiff upon the 24th July 1780 against a
grant issuing on the certificate for Pleasant valley
were neither of them acted upon adjudged or
decided by the Judges or Judge of the Land office
before the 3rd day of September 1805 when the said
caveats having been dismissed by the acts of Assembly
in the petition herein after mentioned and set forth
the grant herein after mentioned for the Land
called pleasant vally was awarded the Defendant
then produced and read to the Court and jury a patent
granted on the 3rd September 1805 for the said Land
called pleasant vally for which the defendant
takes defence to William Mason the Defendant
Thompson Mason and John Mason the Sons and
representatives of George Mason aforesaid the appellee

of the said Thomas Sladen which patent is in the words
following. The State of Maryland to all persons whom these
presents shall come Greeting Know ye that whereas
Robt. Bowie Thomas Sladen Esquire had surveyed and laid
out for him a tract or parcel of land called
Ab. Hanson ch. Pleasant vally lying then in Prince Georges
but now Allegany County and containing three
hundred acres by virtue of so much part of a warrant for
three thousand acres obtained by him out of the proprietary
Land office according to the Conditions of plantation then
in force the sixteenth day of April seventeen hundred and
forty five as appears that the said Thomas Sladen
paid to the agent for the proprietary the sum of ten
pounds sixteen shillings for rent to midsummer
seventeen hundred and sixty three and by his assignment
bearing date the fourteenth day of June seventeen hundred
and sixty three transferred and made over the said
Land to Coll George Mason of the Colony of Virginia
and desired that patent might issue to him for the
same and whereas upon petition it was ordered by the
Chancellor that patent should issue to William Mason
Thompson Mason and John Mason surviving Executors of
George Mason late of Lexington and their heirs in trust
for and and to the uses mentioned in the last will of the
said George The State of Maryland doth therefore hereby
grant unto them the said William Mason Thompson
Mason and John Mason the said Tract or parcel of land
called Pleasant valley lying in Allegany County aforesaid
beginning at two bounded white oak trees standing
near the river Bank about a mile below the mouth of
Evats Creek a Branch of Potomack and running thence
North nine degrees west seventy two perches then north
twenty six degrees west thirty four perches then North