Bladensburgh in my way where I found Doctor Ross at home and upon inquiry from several persons could not learn that he had been from home that day some time after this I was summoned by George Mason to appear before the Judges of the Land office on a day appointed where I according appeared agreeable to summon on the day in Company with Jarvis Haugham who I believe was also summoned by Mr Mason at which time and place I found Doctor Ross and Mr Thomas Johnson attorney at Law who appeared on behalf said Ross as attorney also appeared Mr Tilghman as attorney on behalf of Coll Mason in order as I suppose to examine the Witnesses at which time and place appeared Mr James Prather a Witness for Doctor Ross ..... who first being examined declared as follows that my book wherein the certificate and plots were in had for some time past been kept at his fathers house that he often perused in and saw the plot & certificate of the tract of Land called vally entered in my book by the name of white oak Level and that it was not so now that I must have altered it many other questions were asked by the Counsel on both sides which I do not now recollect after they having examined him Jarvis Haugham was then called and sworn to declare what he knew of the matter and who declared as follows that he was employed by me Coll Prather to make out all certificates that he or I should produce field notes for and that he among other plots made out the plots and certificate of the aforesaid tract of land called the Pleasant

valley in the name of Thomas Bladen one of which he entered on the Books of this Deponant by the name of Pleasant valley which remained on my Book when he saw it Last fair and clear and without any alteration after Doctor Ross and the Counsel on both sides had done examining of him they asked if there was any other Evidence upon which I answered yes there was another who would declare the truth which was my book and produced it to them upon which they strictly examined it to se if there was any erazures blots or other alteration and finding none declared it was as fair a piece of writing as could be writ and informed Mr Prather that he must be mistaken and so dismissed us. 29th April 1783. Sworn before me Evan Gwynne Dpty Shff.

True copy. Test Thos B. Hodgkin clk.

The Deposition of Jarvis Haugham aged seven six years taken in a writ of ejectment brought by the Executors of David Ross decd Plaintiff against George Mason Defendant who being first sworn on the holy Evangels deposeth and saith that he was employed in the year 1744. 1745 and 1746 by Col Thomas Cresap and Capt Thomas Prather to make out plats and certificates for any field notes they should return to him with the warrants put in his possession and that he made out several plats and certificates for Mr Thomas Bladen and in particular for a tract of land called Pleasant valley laid out by vertue of a warrant from the propritors office for three thousand acres of land was fairly entered in Col Thomas Cresaps Surveyors Book folio 64 which Book was honestly and fairly kept this deponant sayeth further that sometime he thinks about fifteen or seventeen years ago he was summoned by George Mason to appear before the Judges of the Land office to declare what he knew