say any thing about the warrants. Between the nineteenth and 20th Lines in folio 2. the following words were interlined which had not been returned

Thomas Prather.

The above Deposition taken before Benedict Calvert and George Stewart Esquires the Lord proprietors chief Judges in Land affairs this 13th day of August 1761.

Test Wm Stewart clk.

N.B. No person present on behaff of Mr Bladen to cross Examine the Evidence the regular notice being given to Mr Tasker. Wm Stewart Clk.

True copy from the original. Wm Stewart Clk.

Joseph Tomlinson of Frederick County being first sworn on the voire Dore declares that he is not now nor ever was interested in the event of the cause depending in the Land office between Doctor David Ross and Thomas Bladen Esquire and afterwards being sworn Generally deposeth and faith that in February 1759 Col Cresap told this deponant that he had several tracts of land to sell belonging to Thomas Bladen Esquire lying on Wills and Rots creek on potomack river and offered it to sale at thirty pounds per hundred as this deponant understood clear of all charges. back rents Inclusive the Deponant told Col Cresap that the times were unsettled on account of the war Col Cresap told the deponant they might be bought at the same price when time are more settled as there were four purchasers now the deponant asked Col Cresap to shew him the plots of some of the Lands who told him they were at conegochege some time afterwards this deponant was informed

that several of the tracts were very good land namely three known by names and the others not known to the chain carriers from whom he had information one called Wills Town lying on wills creek another called Haystack Bottom lying on Potomack River above fort Cumberland against William Andersons and another called Frazers place on white oak Level at the mouth of Rots creek sometime afterwards the deponant Examined Cresaps books by permission of his wife and took the names of some tracts namely the tract called the Hay stack bottom which he found in Col Cresaps Books by the name of the three spring bottom, Bucks Lodge. Sugar Bottom wills Town perusing some of those certificates the deponant found they were laid out by vertue of a warrant of the same quantity the certificates then contained by which he immagined that the Lands were not legally taken up or held because he thought it impossible that any person could tele the exact quantity of good lands in the several bottoms before they were surveyed and have seperate warrants to answer the exact quantity to those certificates for this reason the deponant asked Col Prather knowing him to be Col Cresaps assistant what warrants of Mr Bladens laid out those lands by he told the deponant he saw none but had directions from Col Cresaps some time afterwards the Deponant asked Cresap to shew him Mr Bladens warrant who told him he had it if the Rats had not destroyed it but as he did not shew it him he asked the Col if it was not a Bite because he had been informed that Lands had been laid out by vertue of warrants at ten shillings rent Cresap told the deponant it was not by such warrants but that Governor Bladen had lost a large quantity of land for want of a boundary and had