the rent roll and gave no Account of any other tract about Fort Cumberland being patented than that to Mason the deponant having told him what he had seen from the Record and certificates he believed there was no warrant or caution money paid if any. beg^d Mr Ross to let him the deponant know the date of the caution money being paid after some search Mr Ross told a servant to fetch him Mr Bladens certificates upon which the boy went to the door and turned back and asked his master which who told him all and in a short time the boy came in with a bundle which this deponant believes to be the same he had seen that day in the Office Mr Ross took them and went into another appartment of his house and staid as the deponant imagines above half an hour then returned back and sat down the Deponant asked Mr Ross to give him an answer concerning the question he had asked him about the caution money being paid who answered he could not say there was any paid from which answer the deponant understood there was no more paid than that tract patented to Mason but this deponant went then next morning to Mr Tasker and told Col Tasker that Col Cresap had told him that Mr Bladen had some lands to dispose of about Fort Cumberland who told this deponant he had and he this deponant asked Col Tasker what price he sold it at who told him the sale was entrusted to Col Cresap the Deponant told Col Tasker he had been with Col Cresap about the purchase but could not deal with him Col Tasker asked the reason why the deponant told Col Tasker that Cresap held all the lands at a price and the

deponant told Col Tasker that Cresap asked as much for the Worst Land as the best was worth and could break no large tracts and as the deponant was informed by Cresap that Col Tasker was to make a title to the purchasers of the Lands the deponant would deal with him for the Lands if Col Tasker saw cause who told the deponant as the sale was committed to Cresap he did not care to meddle with it but desired him to go to Cresap again about it the deponant told Col Tasker it was of no signification to go to Cresap for he had been with him before but could not deal with him on which Col Tasker insisted that the deponant should carry a Letter to Col Cresap after which Letter was wrote Col Tasker read it to the deponant which was in these words or to this sence / letting Col Cresap know that Tomlinson had been with him concerning Mr Bladens Lands and desired Col Cresap let said Tomlinson have the refusal of any tract or tracts he chose and to sell and to sell the rest as soon as he could for sundry reasons which letter this deponant delivered to Col Cresap the February following before the delivery of the letter Col Cresap told this deponant that he was come after Bladens lands and they were sold the deponant asked to whom Cresap told this deponant Wills Town to Hayne and Everly white oak Level to William Grahame the three Spring bottom to old Daniel then opened the Letter and Looked over it & afterwards put it in his pocket without mentioning the contents and further sayeth not

Joseph Tomlinson

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

N.B. No person present on behalf of Mr Bladen to cross.