for 8 miles 27th How far is it above Buck Lodge answ. about 4 or 5 miles 28 Do you know a tract of land called Shoot request answ. he knows a tract of land called by that name which lies below Cumberland about a mile and one quarter said to be taken up by Doctor Ross. 29 Do you remember to have heard Col. Prather run it out for Doctor Ross. answ. yes but dont know it certainly 30 Do you remember to have heard that Col. Prather was deputed to lay out sundry lands for Doctor Ross. and that there was a certificate wrote for his qualification for that purpose but never was signed by a magestrate answer he thinks he has but cannot tell how or when he heard it but thinks it was about the time of makeing the surveys for Doctor Ross. 31st Do you know the Block house on the road which leads to Bedford from Fort Cumberland answer yes 32. what distance are them block houses from Fort Cumberland. answ. about 21 miles 33 do you know whether there is a place near the Block houses called the two or three spring answer yes

The above questions from No 20 was asked by Col. Cresap

N.B. The above questions were put and answered in the presence of Doctor Ross and Col. Cresap 2 October Annapolis 1764.

Test James Tilghman the 3rd. Providence Mounts.

Sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid

Wm Stewart

The defendant also offered in Evidence to the Court and jury to prove that before the year 1755 the said Thomas Bladen by his tenant entered upon the said Land called Pleasant valley and

occupied and possessed the same by the said Tenant residing on and cultivating the field designated on the plats in this cause returned by No 3. & 4. No 3 being inclosed with green lines numbered with green figures 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9 and No 4. also inclosed in green lines numbered with green figures 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12.13.14.15.16.17 and so continued the said possession occupation and cultivation untill the 14th June 1763 when he sold & transferred the certificate for the said land to the said George Mason who thereupon in like manner possessed occupied and cultivated the same by his tenants from the time last aforesaid untill his death which happened in 1795. and thereupon the representatives of the said George Mason in like manner by their tenants possessed occupied and cultivated the same from the time last aforesaid untill the bringing of this ejectment and since - The Plaintiff in support of the issue on his part produced in evidence to the Jury a petition by David Ross deceased the father of David Horatio and Archibald Ross three of the Lessors of the Plaintiff for warrants of proclamation to effect several of the aforesaid tracts of Land surveyed under the warrants to the said Thomas Bladen and which tracts so to be effected are inserted in the petition following to wit To the Honourable Benedict Calvert and George Stewart Esquires his Lordships the right honourable the Lord Propry. of the Province of Maryland his chief Judges in Land affairs The Petition of David Ross of Prince Georges County Humbly sheweth that a certain Thomas Bladen Esquire had heretofore surveyed and laid out for him on or about the day of in the year a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Frederick County in the Province aforesaid called Sugar Bottom on Potomack river about seven miles above Fort Cumberland containing two hundred and thirty five