accustomary course of the said land office and that he complying with all requisites on return of certificates may have grants for the same lands and that your Honours will be pleased to receive this petition into the Land office as a caveat against any other person or persons having the preemption of the aforesaid Lands he being the first discoverer and he as in duty bound will pray. David Ross.

A True copy from the original Pet.

Jo. Wm. Stewart Ck.

The Plaintiff offered in Evidence by the statement of the Judges of the Land office hereafter particularly mentioned that warrants of Proclamation were not granted but special warrants on the following parcels of land. and which are the same as those before mentioned in the defendants Statement to wit on Sugar Bottom Buck Lodge wiles Town prized Beg Bottom Turkey flight and Laurence that the warrant to effect them were first issued on the 16th of January 1761 and that they were renewed on the 4th February 1762 under which renewed warrants the surveys were made and patents obtained as in the Defendants Statement and proved to the Jury that the said warrants were recorded in the Land office one after the other in regular succession The Plaintiff also offered in Evidence a special warrant to the said David Ross deceased to affect the land called white oak Level dated the 16th of January 1761 and renewed the 4th of February 1762 under which warrant a Survey was made and a patent obtained thereon which warrant with the Indorsements and the

certificate with the indorsements are as follows to Wit

1761 January 16th Whereas Doctor David Ross of Prince Georges County by his humble to his Lordships agents for management of Land affairs within this Province did set forth that there was about the quantity of three hundred acres of vacant Land known by the name of White oak Level lying on the mouth of Everts creek partly cultivated by means whereof the petitioner conceived the same could not be taken up by a common warrant humbly prayed a special warrant to effect and secure it and that on a return of a certificate of such survey he complying with all requisites usual in such cases might have his Lordships grant issue unto him thereon which was granted him he having paid the sum of fifteen pounds caution for the same provided he sues out such grant within two years from the date here of 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 &c.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy from Liber W.S. No 2 folio 170 one of the Records belonging to the Land office of Maryland. I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office this 18th day of October 1805. John Kilty Reg. Ld office

seal

1761 January 16th a special warrant issued to Doctor David Ross for 300 acres of vacant Land known by the name of white oak Level 1762 Feby 4th the above mentioned warrant was renewed. Test John Kilty Regd office

1762 Feby the 16th a special warrant issued to Doctor David Ross for 500 acres of land on the Black house or the three springs and down Everts creek towards a track of