For the Office November 23rd 1762. Examined and passed
Wm Scott Examiner

Patented 25th December 1762 Rent per Annum 17/- Sterling
charged to the rent Roll.

The Plaintiff offered in Evidence a Decision of the Judges of the Land office respecting the Lands in the proceedings mentioned and the confirmation of the Chancellor as follows To Wit

May it please your Excellency. There having been a dispute in the Land office of an uncommon and extraordinary nature in which Thomas Bladen Esquire and Doctor David Ross are the persons concerned we take the Liberty in pursuance of his Lordships Instructions by which we are directed in difficult and unprecedented cases to desire your Excellencys advice and assistance to submit to your Excellency as Chancellor a State of the case or matter depending before us together with our opinion hoping you will be pleased to favour us with your Excellencys sentiments therefore. on the 16th of January 1761 Doctor David Ross applied to us in usual form for warrants under the proclamation to resurvey and be allowed the preemption of the following tracts of Land. Willis Town Buck Lodge Sugar Bottom Turkey flight Prized Laurence and Big Bottom containing 2254 acres but as no certificates for those Lands appeared to be returned or lodged in the office which is essential to the issuing of warrants under the proclamation Mr Ross petitioned for and obtained special warrants to affect the Lands aforesaid having as your Excellency knows is usual first paid the agent caution for the same on the 16th day of May following

the under mentioned certificates were returned to the office signed by Mr Thomas Cresap who was Deputy Surveyor of the County at the times these certificates respectively bear date viz Willis Town surveyed in June 1745 Buck Lodge and Sugar Bottom in June 1746 Turkey flight and Prized in August 1746 and Laurence and Big Bottom in November 1746 containing in the whole 2254 acres surveyed as is set forth in the said certificates for Thomas Bladen Esq. as the Lands described as these certificates appeared to be the same tracts for which Doctor Ross had as we have already observed obtained special warrants we thought it our duty to forbid patents issuing to Mr Bladen till we could Examine the Records and enquire how it had happened that those certificates had lain so long dormant on Examination we found in the Land Records the following entries October the 21. 1743 order issued to the Surveyor of Prince Georges County for to lay out for his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esquire two thousand acres of Land. caution to be paid on the return of the certificate 4th 200 acres part of a warrant for 4012 acres granted Doctor George Stewart the 3rd day of February 1746. and by him assigned his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esquire is applied to make good rights to the above warrant. April the 15th 1745 warrant then issued to the Surveyor of Prince Georges County to lay out for his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq. two thousand acres of land. caution to be paid on the return of the certificate 4th April the 16th 1746 warrant then issued to the Surveyor of Prince Georges County to lay out for his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esquire three thousand acres of land caution to be paid on the return of the certificate Rights made good to 2013 acres part of this warrant for 4012 acres granted said Bladen the 3rd of February 1746 That your Excellency may be thoroughly informed we think it necessary to lay