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Summer 1796 he went in Company with Col Cresap up to the old Town Cresap sent this deponant with two chain carriers and a woodman with orders to lay out all the good Land he could find there abouts for Governor Bladen and at the same time he this deponant laid out a considerable quantity for said Bladen after being some time there this deponant desired leave to return home which he obtained with orders to return as soon as he conveniently could which he did the october following as near as this deponant can remember and surveyed all the good lands that were shewn to him by the Woodsman for Mr Bladen excepting a small survey which this deponant surveyed for himself with the leave of Col Cresap who told him there would be no damage in so doing and this deponant after finishing the surveys returned the field notes to Col Cresap or his Clerk some few days after Governor Bladen was out of the Government this deponant told Col Cresap he was coming to Annapolis upon which Col Cresap gave this deponant a bundle of certificates and told him those were the last of Governor Bladens certificates and desired him to return them to the Land Office This deponant being interrogated what he imagined Col Cresap meant by the last of Governor Bladens certificates answered that he apprehended them to be the last surveys made by Col Cresap for Governor Bladen till that time and being further Interrogated whether when this deponant received those certificates from Col Cresap which Col Cresap called the Last of Mr Bladens certificates whether this deponant was informed or had reason and what reason to believe that Col Cresap had in his hands any certificates of survey made made by him for Governor Bladen prior to those of which he gave him the certificates

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to bring down to the land office answered he does not believe he had any because Coll Cresap used to communicate most of his Surveyors business to this deponant and never heard him say he had any other certificates or surveys made for Mr Bladen which had not been returned this deponant apprehends that all the surveys that were made prior to those which he returned into the Land Office were returned into the land office by Coll Cresap himself before that time and being further interrogated whether this deponant knows or has any reason to believe that any surveys were made for Mr Bladen by any person whatever than those made by this deponant while he was assistant to Coll Cresap as Deputy Surveyor of the Back parts of Prince Georges County answer he does not believe that any surveys were made for Mr Bladen by any other person than this Deponant while Col Cresap was Deputy Surveyor and being further interrogated what this deponant did with those certificates delivered him by Coll Cresap to be returned into the Land office and what conversation passed between this deponant and Mr Bladen afterwards relating to the Execution of Mr Bladens warrants which were put in Col Cresaps hands, answer This Deponant returned those certificates which he received from Col Cresap into the Land office and took a receipt for them according to Col Cresaps Instructions to this deponant which he did and delivered the said receipt to Col Cresap the next morning after delivering the certificates into the Land office this Deponant waited on Mr Bladen who asked him if he knew what Cresap had done with his certificates he this deponant told him that he believed they were all returned now for this deponant had returned a parcel the evening before to the office Mr Bladen seemed in a passion and said is this all the thanks I get from Cresap for giving him the Surveyors place to have my business delayd till this time for if they had been returned sooner there