he could not say there was any paid from which answer the deponant understood there was no more paid than that tract patented to dispose 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 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 lands as the best was worth and would brake no large tracts and as the deponant was informed by Cresap that Col. Tasker was to make a title to the purchasers of the land the deponant would deal with him for the land 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 land and desired Col. Cresap let said Tomlinson have the refusal of any tract or tracts he chose 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 Land and they were sold this deponant asked to whom Cresap told this deponant Wills Town to Everly and Haynie white oak Level to Mr. Grahame the three spring bottom to old Daniel then opened the letter and looked over it and 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 Proprys Chief Judges in Land affairs this 13th day of August 1761.

Wm. Stewart Clk

N.B. No person present on behalf of Mr. Bladen to cross examine the Evidence tho Mr. Tasker had regular notice given him

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And also the depositions of James Prather Jarvis Haugham and Aaron Moore taken on the fifth April 1764 as follows.

The Deposition of James Prather being of full age & duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith as follows. That some time in the year seventeen hundred and sixty this deponant was at Col. Cresaps house and when he was there Coll. Cresap and Aaron Moore talked about a tract of land called Bucks Lodge and the Col. Got his Record Book and shewed him the plot and artificate of said tract which was understood and spoke of as Bladens land which Moore wanted to purchase and whilst Col. Cresap and Aaron Moore was talking about the purchase of said land this deponant turning over the leaves of said Record Book then lying on the Table he found several surveys made for Mr. Bladen amongst which one called white oak Level containing three hundred acres beginning at two bounded white oaks standing below the mouth of Evats creek the reason of this deponants turning over the