Copied from the proceedings of the Council at the sitting of December 1st 1684. Liber RR folio 159. 160 & 161.

Maryland ss.

Samuel Ogle Esq. Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

To George Noble of Prince Georges County Gent: Greeting

Know you that whereas I have and do repose great trust & confidence in your skill and art in surveying of lands I do by these presents depute constitute and appoint you the said George Noble to be deputy surveyor of Prince Georges County to be utmost bounds and limits thereof in surveying & resurveying any land in any part of the aforesaid County of Prince Georges in as fully and ample manner as any deputy surveyor or deputy surveyors of the said County have usually done or performed and to act do and perform the same without any let hindrance or molestation of any person or persons whatsoever. To have & to hold the said office of Deputy Surveyor as aforesaid during pleasure hereby granting unto you the said George Noble two thirds parts of all fees that shall arise from the said office. Provided always that you the said George Noble shall from time to time and at all times hereafter perform and comply with all such orders and instructions as I shall under my hand appoint and direct you. Given under my hand and seal this Eighth day of February in the nineteenth year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1733.

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The Defendant also offered in Evidence that Commissions also issued to Thomas White of Baltimore County dated the 6th March 1733: William Hanson of Charles County dated the 7th March 1733: Robert Elliot of Saint Marys dated the 7th March 1733: and Henry Ridgely of Anne Arundel County dated the 15th March 1733 all which issued to them as deputy surveyors of the and respective Counties and are in the same form Mutatis Mutandis with the said Commission granted to George Noble aforesaid. The Defendant also offered in Evidence the following instructions

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of the Lord Proprietary to regulate the conduct of his officers as to the manner of laying out and granting his lands.

Orders and instructions to be observed and pursued by Deputy Surveyor of County in the province of Maryland.

Oath of Office.

I will truly and faithfully execute my office of Deputy Surveyor of County and observe and perform the rules and instructions given me in charge for the same to the best of my skill and judgment and will not take bargain or agree for any manner of Estate interest or profit in or to any land any warrant or location or survey thereon (except the usual customed fees shall be allowed by myself or my assistant appointed by me) nor will I return any certificate of any survey wherein my assistant shall to my knowledge or belief hold any manner interested or of any survey not actually made by myself or not returned to me by my assistant duly appointed and qualified as actually made by him nor will I sell or assign to any person or persons any warrant or share or part of any warrant to be executed in the said County while I shall hold the office of deputy surveyor therein.

The taking of the above Oath to be certified by some magistrate and to be in the same office.

Oath of the assistant

I will truly and faithfully execute my duty as assistant to deputy surveyor of County and observe and perform the rules and instructions given me in charge for the same to the best of my skill and judgment, and will not take bargain or agree for any manner of Estate interest or profit in or to any warrant location or survey therein (my just dues of office excepted) that shall be executed in the said County during the time I shall act as assistant as aforesaid: nor will I return any lines or survey as run or made by myself unless such as shall actually be so run or made nor will I sell or assign any warrant or share or part of any warrant to be executed in the said County during the time of my acting as assistant as aforesaid.

The same Oath to be certified as aforesaid.

(Mr.)