taken by vertue thereof being returned it is ordered that they be published, and on the Back of the aforesaid Commission was thus written (Viz.t)

Dorchester County Ss. By Vertue of the within Commission to us directed To the Honourable Charles Calvert Esq.r Chief Judge & Commissary General &c. We Certifie that on their Corporal Oaths by us Administred on the holy Evangelists we have examined all such Evidences as came before us and were produced by the Complainant or Defendants in the Cause aforesaid and have carefully reduced into writeing their several Depositions Relating thereunto as Inclosed and hereunto annexed Given under our hands and seals this 30.th day of September Anno Domi 1728

Jn.o Kirke (seal)
Wm.m Murray (seal)
Tho: Howell (seal)

And thereupon this Cause is Continued until Next Court and the same day is given to the Complainant and Respondents also

At which said Next Court to wit the second Tuesday of January being the fourteenth day of the same Month Anno Domi 1728 comes again the said parties Complainant and Respondents by their Procureators &c. and it is Ruled that there be a hearing in this Cause Next Court to which time it is further continued and the same day is given to the Complainant and Defendants also

At which said Next Court to wit the second Tuesday of March being the Eleventh day of the same Month Anno Domi 1728 come again the said parties Complainant and Respondents by their procureators &c. and thereupon it is Ruled Peremptorily that there be a hearing in this Cause the first Munday in April next and this Cause is further continued until the said first Munday in April and the same day is given to the Complainant and Respondents also

At which said first Munday in April being the seventh Day of the same Month Anno Domi 1729 come again the said parties Complainant & Respondents by their procureators aforesaid and it is Ordered by his Honour the Judge that the Depositions returned in this Cause be sent Back to the Commissioners who took the same to be signed by the Deponents and returned under the hands and Seals of the said Commissioners and that they be then received as good Evidence to Avail so far as in Law and Right they ought — pursuant to which Order Attested Copys of the several Depositions

Depositions taken by vertue of the Commission aforesaid were delivered to Mr. William Bechingham Procureator for the Complainant to be sent to the Commissioners aforesaid — and thereupon this Cause is further continued until Next Court and the same day is given to the Complainant and Respondents also

At which said Next Court to wit the second Tuesday of May being the thirteenth day of the same Month Anno Domi 1729 come again the said parties Complainant and Respondents by their procureators aforesaid But for that the Copys of the Depositions aforesaid which were sent Back are not again returned this Cause is continued until Next Court, and the same day is given to the Complainant and Respondents also

At which said Next Court to wit the second Tuesday of July being the Eighth Day of the same Month Anno Domi 1729 come again the said parties Complainant and Respondents by their procureators aforesaid, and the Commissioners to whom the aforesaid Commission to Examine Witnesses was directed make return thereof to the Court with the Depositions taken by vertue thereof under their hands and seals and the hands of the several Deponents to their Respective Depositions pursuant to a former Rule of Court which were ordered to be received and are as follow (Viz.t)

Dorchest.r Ss. The Deposition of Tho.s Howell Aged about Twenty Eight Years saith that in December 1726 he was with Mr. Tollett at the plantation of Mary Orrell dec.d and that the said Tollett Enquireing for a Gun, of a Mellata Man who belonged to the Deceased's Estate was told it was hide, upon which the said Tollett drew a Staple whereon a Lock was fixed upon a Closett, and in the Closett found a Gun which he brought to my house, where it remained some small time, and after his return from Queen Anns Cousity — he carried the said Gun from his house being further asked saith he knows not whose Gun it was but that he heard the said Tollett say, it was a Gun which one Dec.d Smith left with John Orrell, and that it was all Orrell got for a large Debt, this Deponent likewise saith that about the 8.th of December 1728 the said Tollett brought a Hogg to his house — which he said he brought from the Plantation aforesaid and that it belonged to the Estate and that there was more Hoggs belonging to the Estate than was appraised to the Widow deceased or to that purpose, and further saith the said Tollett brought to his house a Small pewter paint Pott and Black Earthen pitcher & further saith not

Tho: Howell

Dorches.r Ss. The Deposition of Tho.s Stewart Aged about Thirty Years, saith that about Christmas 1726 at the House of Tho.s Howell's he see a Gun which he knew had belonged to John Orrell, and asking to whom it then belonged, was told it belonged to John Tollett, to which he replied it did not, but that it belonged to Orrell as he thought, & upon the