That about twenty one years ago he this Deponant was on a point at the mouth of a Cove whereon this Depont now Stands (and where the Surveyor of this County being one of Commissrs hers bound a Small red Oak and we have Caused a Locust post to be fixed marked RG that he the said Deponant saw a Rounded tree a white Oak according to the best of his Memory, and was told by Joseph Strawbridge & Samuell Gerding that the aforesaid tree of a parcell of land Called Walton and further Saith not, taken and Sworn to the first day of January Anno Domi 1727 We hereby further Certifie that we Caused Notice to be given according to the Directions in said Commission Expressed —

Thomas Sheredine (Seal)
William Buchner (Seal)
Phillip Jones (Seal)

August Court 1727 — By Baltemore County Court ordered that this return & all things relating thereto be accordingly Recorded —

Signed p order John Stokes Clk —

William Hammonds Commission returned

To the Worshipfull Justices of Baltemore County Court now setting the humble Petition of William Hammond Humbly Sheweth Wheras that your Petitioner is Seized (now in Fee) as Tenant in Tail Male with Remainder to Brother of your petitioners in the Severall Tracts of land hereafter mentioned Viz.t Spring Point Heath Dearings Increase and Hammonds Addition Lying in the County aforesaid on the north Side of Potapsco River which boundrys of the said Severall Tracts of land are much Impaired and allmost lost Therefore your Petitioner prays that you Worships will please to favour your Petitioner with a Commission Directed to whom your Worships Shall think most proper to prove the bounds of the aforesaid Severale Tracts of lands by all such Evidences as shall be brought by your Petitioner to such Commissioners so appointed and as in duty bound your humble Petitioner Ever pray

Will.m Hammond

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11th June Court 1727 Which Petition being read & by the Justices of June Court aforesaid heard is accordingly granted and Richard Gist William Hamilton Thomas Sheredine and Richard Owings are appointed to Examine Evidences relateing to the bounds of the said Land and it is ordered that a Commission do Issue returnable to August Court next Directed to the above said Commissioners for that Purpose —

Baltemore County ss

(Seal)

Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore To Mr. Richard Gist, William Hamilton Thomas Sheredine, and Richard Owings of Baltemore County Greeting Wheras William Hammond of the aforesaid County by his humble Petition to our Justices of our County aforesaid at a Court held at the Town of Joppa in and for the same County on the first Tuesday of this Instant June hath obtained a Commission to prove the bounds of the Severall Tracts of land hereafter mentioned being adjacent to Each other and lyeing in the County aforesaid on the north side of Potapsco River viz.t Spring Point Heath Dearing Increase and Hammonds Addition whereof the said William is now Seized in fee These are therefore to Impower you any three or two of you (having first taken an oath before our said County Court or some Magistrat) Duly & Impartially to Examine & Certifie the Evidences to Issue Summons as for all such Evidences as shall be to you nominated by the Petitioner or other person Concerned to appear before you at a Certain Day by you to be appointed upon the aforesaid land, also to Examine all such Evidences upon their Corporall oath (by you to be administred) of their knowledge & Concerning the Severall bounds of the said land and also Carefully to reduce

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