Before your meeting as aforesaid and to
Return a Certificate of having given
Notice as aforesaid with the Examination
of the Witnesses and this Commission
to our Justices aforesaid at the time
and place aforesaid witness Roger
Mathews Gent. Chief Justice of our
said Court the 4th Day of December
in the fourteenth year of our Dominion
Annoq Domi 1728 — John Stokes Clk
Be it remembered that on the 8th of Feb.
1728 Came Roger Mathews and George
Drew within named before me and
qualifyd themselves according to
law to Execute the within Commission

Edward Hall

Baltemore County

By Vertue of a Commission
from Baltimore County Court to us the
subscribers Directed Impowering us duly & Impartially
to Examine and Certifie such as shall
be produced to us to perpetuate & prove
any of the bounds of a Tract of land belong
ing to William Hollis of the County aforesd
Called Geffrys Neck Containing One
hundred and Thirty Acres and we having
qualified our Selves to Execute the said
Commission as the Law directs & given
Due Notice of the time and place of our meet.
to Execute the same as by the said Com-
mission we were required we do therefore
hereby humbly Certifie to the Worshipfull
the Justices of Baltimore County Court
that on the Eighteenth day of March Anno
1728 personally appeared before us (being
then in a point Antiently Called Geffrys
neck respecting Abey Island to the South)
a Certain William Ozburn of the County
aforesaid who having first taken his
oath on the Holy Evangelist declared
as followeth, that about Twenty Six years
agoe going down Bush river a fishing
with William Hollis father of the Petioner
the said Hollis then pointed and shewed
the said Ozburn this Deponant a large

(Red)

Red Oak tree which stood on a point
Called Geffrys neck open the River and
the said Ozburn this Deponant saith
the said Hollis the Elder told him the
said Tree was Either a bounded tree or a
line tree of his land Called Geffrys neck
which said tree the said Ozburn this
Deponant often saw standing after
wards but is now Downe Entirely
gon and he doth further Declare the place
where he now stands being at the End
of a point open to Bush river opposite
to Abey Island to the South and known
by the name of Geffrys neck is the
very place where the said tree did stand
and further saith not; from which
place your Commissioners for their better
Satisfaction in the premisses proceeded
to run Sundry Courses by the Certificate
of the said land; and near the End of
the fourth line found a bounded red
oak by a swamp, as mentioned in the
said Certificate and at the End of the 5th
line a bounded white oak the tree being
dead but the marks of being a bounded
tree being not Totally Gone at the End
of the Sixth line a bounded red Chesnut
being downe but many of the Notches
appearing very plain and ascertaining
with Course and Distance or low length
by all which it appeared to your Com-
missioners that it must be the second
Tree of the said land that stood on the
point where William Ozburn on his
oath as aforesaid hath Declared & for
as much as it appears by reversing y.
Course that the begining would be in
a very dangerous place to fix a Post
in (there being no begining tree to be
found) and least by Fire occasioned
Great Marsh might in a Short time
burn and destroy the begining of the
said land and make it disputable here
after, your Commissioners have therefore
affixed a locust post upon the place where
William Ozburn hath Declared the
red oak above mentioned stood and

(Which)