Oliver Cromwell land Com., on Return } To the Worshipfull the justices of Baltimore County now in Court Setting —

The Petition of Oliver Cromwell of Balt County, Most humbly Sheweth that your Petr is now Seized of a peice, or Tract of land, called Cromwell chance which said land is in part Sold, & the Boundarys thereof being delayed your Petr humbly prayes a commission May be granted him, to examine Evidences in Relation thereto, And your Petr as in Duty bound, Shall pray —

Balt Cty ss — Charles absolute Lord & Propriety of the Province of Maryland, & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c, to Mr George Buchanan, Charles Ridgely, John Rystan and Solomon Wodder, of Hal County Greeting —

(County Seal)

Whereas Oliver Cromwell of s^d Coty, by his petition to our justices of our County Court, hath obtained a commission, to prove the bounds of a certain Tract of Land, called Cromwell chance the Boundarys whereof being delayed, the Petr is desirous of proving the Same, As far forth, As he can —

These are therefore to empower you, or any three or two of you, having first taken an oath, before our County Court, or Som Magistrate duly & impartially to Examin & certifie what Evidences, Shall be to you brought, to prove, or perpetuat the Memory of any of the bounds of the af^d Tract, of land, or any other lands whereon the Same Shall Depend, or whereto it Relates, to issue Summons, for all Such Evidences, As shall be to you Nominated, by the Petr, or other person concerned to appear before You, at a certain day by you to be appointed, Upon Any Such of the af^d Land, the bounds whereof are to be proved, or perpetuated, also to Examin all Such Evidences on their corporal oaths, by you to be administred, of their Knowledge concerning the Sev^l bounds of Such lands, also carefully to reduce, what the Evidence Shall declare into writing, in the presence of all the parties concerned that Shall be there present, & return the same to our justices of our County afores^d, at the Town of Joppa, with all convenient Speed, to be entered & amongst the Records of the Said County, in perpetual memory, & you Are therefore hereby required before your Meeting As af^d, where all parties are in the County, or where they are Not Known, to affix & publish Notes at the parish Church, where the Said Lands lye, three Sundays at the least before your Meeting, intimating your intentions & the Time you

You Shall Appoint, & cause the like Notes to be put up in the Most publick places of this County twenty days before Such Meeting, & that where all parties are interested, are Known, & any one of themselves out of this County, you are hereby required to give the like Notice, by affixing a Note at the parish Church Door in which the parties resides, fourty days ~~before the meeting~~, at the least, before your Meeting, As afores^d, & return a certificat, of having given Notice As afores^d, with the Examination of the Witnesses & this Com^n to our justices af^d, When & where As af^d, Witness William Hamilton Gent, one of the justices of our Said Court, the VIII day of August, in the XX year of our Dominion & Anno Dom 1734 —

Signed p Order

H Dell Stokes Cl^k

Novr 30th 1734 — came George Buchanan Charles Ridgely, & John Ristean, three of the within Com^rs, & made oath to execute the within Commission to the best of their Knowledge

Th: Sheredine

Balt Cty ss

These are to certifie to the Worshipfull Justices of Baltimore County that we the subscribers in pursuance to the Direction of the Commission hereunto Annexed, & being duly qualifyed, did on the Twentyth day of Decr in the year of our Lord 1734 Meet on the land called Cromwell chance and being at a bounded red oake of the Said Land, came Henry Butler aged about Sixty four Years, who having first taken his Corporall oath on the holy Evangelist, of Almighty God, Deposeth & Sayth that he was one of the Chain carryers, when the Surveyor laid out the af^d land, after finishing the Survey af^d, James Murray being then present, said he would lay Doctor Rottenberrys, war^t of five hundred Acres for the Doctor, & ordered the Survey^r to begin at the Tree af^d, the Surveyor ask^d James Murray what he would call the land, he answered & Said Galliypott Lovell & this Depot farther Sayth that after the Survey^r had finished Cromwell chance & bounded the tree af^d for the last bounded Tree of the s^d land, that Thomas Cromwell cut T C on the tree afores^d, James Murray cut I R on the other side of the tree for Dr Rottenberry & he declares that Cromwell chance was first Surveyed & then James Murray ordered the Surveyor to Make Courses for Galliypott Lovell, given under our hands & Seall this 19th day of July 1735 —

Geo: Buchanan (Seal)

John Ristean (Seal)

Chas Ridgely (Seal)