August Court 1735 By Baltimore County Court 229

It is ordered that the foregoing Comissn and Return and all the proceedings thereunto relating be recorded Signed Ord. H Wells Stokes Clk

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Robert Courtnays Land Com. on Return

To the Worshipfull Justices of Baltimore Cty in Court now Setting —

The humble Petition of Robt Courtnay

Most humbly Sheweth that your petr being in possession of a certain Tract of Land, called Hammonds hope The Boundarys of which Land Your petr being — desirous to Settle, especially Now at this Time, one of the boundary Trees, Standing Near the Main Road, & decayed, the Overseer of the high Road, Not observing it as a bounded Tree, ordered it to be cut down, Therefore, your petr doth humbly crave Your Worships to appoint Comrs to Settle the boundarys of Said Land, of Hammonds hope, & also impower them to bound, An other Tree, in lieu of the bounded Tree cut down,

And Your petr Shall, as in Duty bound for Ever pray &c —

Bal Cty ss

Charles absolute Lord, & Propry of the Province of Maryland, & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To Mrs Aquila Dare John Hall Junr, John Clark, & Bennett Garrett, of Baltimore County greeting Whereas, Robert Courtnay of the Said County, by his petition to our justices of our County aforesd hath obtained a Comn to prove the bounds, of a certain Tract of land called Hammonds hope, the bounds whereof being decayed the petr is desirous of proving the Same So far forth, As he can —

These are therefore to impower you, or any three, or two of you, having first taken an oath, before our County Court or some Magistrate duly, & impartially to Examine & certifie, what Evidence, Shall be to you brought, to prove or perpetuate the Memory of any of the Said bounds of the aforesd tract of land, or of any other lands, whereon the Same Shall depend, or whereto it relates, to issue Summons, for all Such Evidence, as Shall be to you Nominated, by the petr, or by the other person appointed to Appear before you, at certain day, to be appointed, upon any Such of the aforesd land, the boundarys whereof are to be proved or perpetuated, also to Examine all Such Evidence on their corporall oaths, by you to be administred of their Knowledge, concerning the Several boundarys —

230 Boundaryes, of Such lands, Also carefully to reduce what the Evidence shall declare into Writing in the presence of all the partyes, concerned that shall be there present, & to return the Same to our justices of our Coty aforesd with all convenient Speed to be entered amongst the Records of the Said Coty, in perpetuall Memory, & you are therefore hereby Required before your Meeting as aforesd, where all partyes live in the County, or where they are not known, to affix public Notes, at the parish Church, where the aforesd lands lye, three Sundays at the least, before your Meeting, intimating your intentions, & the time you shall appoint, and cause the like Notes to be put up, in the most publick places of this County, twenty dayes before Such Meeting, & that where all the partyes interested are known & any of them lives out of this County, you are hereby farther Required, to give the like Notice, by affixing a Note at the parish Church door, in which the party resides, fourty dayes at the least, before your Meeting, as aforesd, & to return a certificat of having given Notice, as aforesd, with the Examn of the Witnesses & this Comn on to our justices aforesd, when, & where, as aforesd, Witness — William Hamilton Gent one of the Justices of our Said County xvi day of May in the xx year of our Dominion, &c, Anno Dni 1734 —

Signed & order —

H Wells Stokes Clk —

June 3d 1734 — Wm John Clark, & Mr Bennett Garrett, two of the within Mentioned Commissioners were Sworen to execute the Same to the best of their Knowledge —

Tho: Warren

Maryland ss —

By Virtue of a Comn from Baltimore Coty court, to us directed bearing date May 16th anno 1734 to Examine Evidences, concerning the bounds of a tract of land, called Hammonds hope, belonging to Robert Courtnay of the Said County, containing two hundred A. the Said land lying on the head of Swan Creek, in the aforesd Coty, the aforesd Comn being hereunto affixed, these are to certifie, that we the Subscribers being qualifyed according to law, did meet on the Said land in presence of Robert Courtnay the person concerned one day assigned, viz this 22d day of July 1734, & did take the oaths of the Severall persons hereafter Named, viz:

Concerning the Said Bounds —

John Hall Esqr aged Seventy Six years or thereabout being Sworen on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, concerning the bounds of the aforesd land, called Hammonds hope, declares as follows