Whereupon the said Comrs have caused a Cherry Tree growing within one foot of it to be bounded with Twelve Notches Standing Near to a large Ground ab.t 50 yds above the Road to the right hand, which he the said Sam.l told this Dep.t was the beginning tree of Leafs land, & also a Boundary of James Phillips; and being asked by this Dep.t how he knew that the beginning tree of the said Leafs land he the said Samuel told this Dep.t that his dead father Samuel Brown, & also James Phillips had shewn him that Tree for the said Boundary, & further saith Not.

The Deposition of Benjamin Henson of Balt. aged ab.t 46 years being Sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God

Deposeth that about 28 or 29 yrs ago his father Thomas Henson being in Inability to purchase a parcell of land, called Leafs Land, was enquiring of a certain Roger Matthews concerning the bounds thereof, and by the direction of the said Matthews went in search of the same, & coming to the place where we now are being on a small spring near to a great pond, he found a bounded hickory with another tree growing out of the root of it, which Hickory is now shewn to us, standing and appears to be a fair bounded Tree, but being dead & decayed we the Comrs have caused a Cherry tree standing within one foot of the said Hickory to be bounded with Twelve Notches w.ch he understood was the bounded tree of Leafs land, & hath ever since been deemed a bounded Tree of the said land, & further saith Not.

Nicholas Day of Balt. Cty aged about 48 yrs being Sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty God & being on a point at the Mouth of a Creek called Poleat Creek, on the North side the said Creek, deposeth that about 15, or 16 years ago he was at the point where we now are standing, & saw a bounded Locust then standing on the said point, the Stump of which bounded Locust he the said Nicholas now shews to us, & going from thence to a certain Edward Wards, he the said Deponent asked the said Ward what bounded tree was that stood at the Mouth of Poleat Creek, who informed this Dep.t that it was the bounded Tree of Leafs land, as he understood, & some short time after this Dep.t being in company with a certain John Taylor he asked the said Taylor concerning the said bounded Tree who also informed him that it was a bounded Tree of the said Leafs land, and further saith Not.

John Fuller aged ab.t 56 years being Sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, & being at the said point at the Mouth of Poleat Creek, on the North side the said Creek, that ab.t 8 years ago, he this Dep.t lived with a certain Rob.t Cathcart & coming with the said Rob.t towards this place in order to shoot at some Geese, he this Dep.t accidentally did shoot & wound one Goose, which flew some small distance, & happening to fale near the point where we now stand, it was a bounded tree, & also the said Rob.t Cathcart to come to this place in order to get the said

Said goose which when this Dep.t had done, walking about the point, he saw a bounded Locust, & asked the said Robert what bounded Tree it was, who told this Dep.t it was a bounded Tree of a parcell of Land called Poleat as he said he was informed by Colonell Richardson, & further this Dep.t believes, that he hath divers Times since seen the said Tree standing, & a fair bounded Tree, & he doth Verily believe, that the Stump which he stands by, being in the edge of the Bank, is the very Stump of the said bounded Tree, but the said tree being cut down, & destroyed we the Comrs have caused the said Stump to be bounded with Twelve Notches —

And Further Saith Not.

March Adjourned Court 1737 By Baltimore County Court it is ordered that the foregoing Land Commission & Return & all the proceedings thereunto relating be recorded

Signed by Order Wells Stokes Clerk

Absolam Browne Land Comiss.r & Return } To the Worshipfull Justices of Baltimore County —

The Humble Petition of Absolam Browne of said County —

Sheweth, that your Pet.r is sorry & possessed, of part of a Tract of Land, lying on Bush River, in the County afs.d, called Hunting Worth, that the Bounds thereof being decayed, or Destroyed, the proofe of them depends on the Testimony of Witnesses, Your Pet.r therefore Desires Your Worships, to Grant him a Commission to Examin Evidence, concerning the Bounds of the said Land,

And Your Pet.r &c

March Court 1736 — Which petition being Read, & by the Justices of the said Court heard, was accordingly Granted, & Mess.rs Roger Matthews, Bennet Garret, Henry Millikin, & Samuel Griffith Were appointed Com.rs to Examin Evidence relating to the Bounds of said Land, & it Was thereupon Ordered y.t a Commission should issue returnable with all Convent Speed directed to the above said Com.rs for that purpose

Baltimore County ss — Charles Absolute Lord, & Propry of ye Province of Maryland, & Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore &c

(Seal)

To Mess.rs Roger Matthews, Bennet Garret, Henry Millikin & Sam.l Griffith, of Balt. Cty Greeting Whereas Absolam Browne by his humble petition, to our Justices of our County afs.d, at a Court held at the Town of Joppa on the

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