Returnable with all Convenient speed dire-
-cted to the above said Commissioners for that purpo-
Baltimore County } Charles absolute lord & Propry of the province
of Maryland and Avalon lord Baron of Baltim-
-re To Messrs Richd Caswell, Edward Day, Walter
Tolley, & Humph Wells & Stokes, of the said County Gr-
County Seal
-eeting Whereas Thomas Gassaway junr of the same
County by his humble petition to our County afsd at
a Court held at the Town of Joppa in and for
the County afsd on the first Tuesday of this Instant
hath obtained a Commission to prove the bounds of
a tract of Land Lying in the forks of Gunpowder
River Called Gassaways Ridge These are to Imp-
-ower you or any three or two of you having first
taken an Oath before our County Court or some Magi-
-strate duly and Impartially to Examine & Certifie wh-
-at Evidences shall be to you brought to prove or per-
-petuate any of the bounds of the said tract of Land
or of 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 pe-
-titioner or other persons Concerned to appear
before you at a Certain day by you to be appointed
upon any such of the afsd Lands the boundaries
whereof are to be proved, or perpetuated also to Exam-
-ine all such Evidences on their Corporal Oath (by
you to be administred) and of their Knowledge Concern-
-ing the severall boundaries of such lands, also Clear-
-fully to reduce what the Evidences shall declare into
writeing in the presence of all the parties Concerned th-
-at shall be there present and return the same to our ju-
-stices of our County afsd, with all Convenient speed to be
Enrolled amongst the records of the said County in perp-
-etuall memory and you are therefore hereby required be-
-fore your meeting as afsd where all parties live in the
County and where they are not known, to affix publick
notes at the parrish Church, where the afsd Land lie three
Sundays at the least before your Meeting Intimateing
your Intentions and the time you shall appoint, &
Cause the like Notes to be put up in the most publick
places of this County, twenty days before your Meeting
and that where all parties Interested are known and any
of them lives out of the County you are further hereby
required to give the like Notice by affixing a note at

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The Church door of the parrish in which the parties
Resides forty days at the Least before your Meeting
as afsd and to return a Certificate of haveing given Notice as
afsd with the Examination of the Evidences and this Comm-
-ission to our justices afsd at the time & place afsd Witness
Richard Gist proceeding justice of our said Court the
15th day of March in the 28th year of Our Dominion
Anno Dom 1737, Sign'd & Order M Wells Stokes Clk
Baltimore County } Then came Richard Caswell and Edward Day and
April 6th 1738 } qualified to the within Commission according to
Law sworn to before ..... T Todd
Then was Walter Tolley qualified & Richd Caswell
The Deposition of William Howe of Baltimore County
aged fifty one years being Sworn on the holly Evangile
of almighty God Deposeth as follows that about Se-
-ventey four years ago this Deponant and a certain John
Taylor (formerly Debuty Surveyer of the County) came
to an Old Hickory tree lying on the ground where this
Deponant now stands, part being Rotten and at that
time the said Taylor told this Deponant that it was the beg in-
-ning tree of Lee's Chance and a Chesnut standing aca-
within light foot of same place the said Taylor likewise
said was markt for a memorandum to know the place
by, hereafter, the said Chesnut tree standing on a Ridge
in the woods and near the south East corner of John Hutchins
plantation about one hundred yards from the rolling
Road down the forks between the falls of Gunpowder
River, and further this Deponant saith not, in relation to the afsd tree
taken before us the subscribers Commissioners this 28
day of April 1738 ..... Richd Caswell
Walter Tolley
Edward Day

The said William Howe in Relation to another tree on his
Oath Deposeth and saith that about fourteen or fifteen years
years ago, Col John Dorsey was reversing a Course of
a tract of Land Called Rangeing in order to find a tree where
this Deponant now is, and the said Dorsey could not find
it and he sent his Negro man to Nicholas Day to come
and shew it him and the said Nicholas came & shew
him a White Oake tree standing by a bounded Chesnut
on the side of a Ridge and on the south west side or Co-
-ner of John Hutchin's Plantation and that the said
Nicholas said the afsd white Oake was a bounded tree
of rangeing, and some time after this Deponant was
in Company with a Certain Thomas Hutchins an
Antient man of this County late deceas'd & he told th-

that