the greater part of the business of that office he has been 12 years a clerk in the office and is familiar with the business of the office. He diligently searched the records of Washington County from the beginning of them to the 7th of November 1785 for a deed from Thomas French to James Clarke for the tract of land called The Brothers and can find no such deed on the land records. The records of deeds in Washington County begin in 1777 he can find no deed of any kind on the said records from Thomas French to James Clarke.

The defendant offered in evidence by Roger Perry Esquire a competent witness in this cause that the witness went to Cumberland in Allegany County in the year 1794 to reside and has resided there ever since that the field first mentioned and described in the evidence of William M'Mahon herein before stated was cleared and the wood cut off of it in the winter 1795 and it was enclosed in the spring of 1796 by David Lynn the defendant and has remained in his possession ever since. That the second field also described in the testimony of William M'Mahon was enclosed as the witness thinks in 1797 but is certain in 1798 it was enclosed and in the possession of the defendant who has continued to be in the possession by enclosure of the defendant ever since. That the third field mentioned and described in the testimony aforesaid of William M'Mahon was enclosed by the defendant about the year 1799 or 1800 and an orchard planted on it that about two years after the first enclosure of said field the fence or a part of it was taken to secure the fruit trees which had survived the ravages of the locusts and as the orchard had never been cultivated a great number of bushes grew up the field was thrown open remained open from four to six years was again enclosed by the defendant and still remains in the possession by enclosure and cultivation of the defendant.

The field beginning at green O as located on the plots and running with the black lines numbered with black figures from 1 to 6 then with the black broken line No 33 to the yellow line No 4 then with the yellow lines 4.3.2.1 numbered with black figures to the head of Beall Street then with the yellow lines numbered with black figures from 1 to 5 to the turnpike and with the turnpike to the beginning at green O. That part of the above described field not included within George adventure was enclosed by Lynn in 1796 and has remained in the possession by enclosure and cultivation of Lynn to the present time. That part of the last described field included within the lines of George Adventure when the witness first knew it in the fall of 1794 except a small part near rid It was enclosed and in the possession of Zachariah Magruder and remained in his possession until his death. That Zachariah Magruder resided on

and exercised general acts of ownership over George Adventure by cutting timber and cultivating part of the said land. That about the year 1798 the said Magruder died and his heirs remained in possession as aforesaid until about the year 1802 when David Lynn purchased the said land of a trustee appointed by the chancellor for the sale of the interest of the said heirs and said Lynn then entered into possession as aforesaid and about the year 1802 enlarged his enclosure near red It according to the description and location aforesaid of field aforesaid and has remained in the possession by enclosure of the said field from that time to the present.

That Lynn claims the land described above and for which he has taken defence part as within the lines of Crooked Meanders and Crooked Meanders reversed part as Walnut Bottom purchased by William M'Mahon of Thomas Beale and part as George Adventure

The defendant further offered in evidence the patent for the tract of land called George Adventure located in the plats in this cause.

George French son of Thomas his Patt. 456 acres George Adventure } The Right Honble Henry Harford Esquire

Know ye that George French son of Thomas of Frederick County hath due unto him four hundred and fifty six acres two hundred acres part thereof by virtue of a special warrant for that quantity granted him the seventh of March seventeen hundred and seventy four and for the remaining two hundred and fifty six acres he had paid the sum of twelve pounds sixteen shillings sterling caution for the same as appeared in our land office according to Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore his instructions to Charles Carroll Esquire his then agent bearing date at London the twelfth day of September seventeen hundred and twelve and registered in our Secretarys office of our said province. Together with a paragraph of other instructions bearing date at London on the fifteenth day of December seventeen hundred and thirty eight and registered in our land office. We do therefore hereby grant and confirm unto him the said George French son of Thomas all that tract of land called George Adventure lying in the County aforesaid. Beginning at the end of the first line of a tract of land called Limestone Rock and running thence south twenty six degrees west forty two perches south eighteen degrees west thirty four perches south twenty seven degrees west fifty two perches south thirty eight degrees west forty four perches north seventy degrees west sixty perches north nineteen degrees East one hundred perches north sixty eight degrees and a half East one hundred and seventy four perches north six degrees west seventy four perches north sixty five degrees west twenty two perches north fifty one degrees west fourteen perches north sixteen - East fifty four perches north thirty degrees East forty four perches North seventy eight degrees East forty perches north thirty six degrees East thirty eight perches north fifty one degrees west one hundred and twenty perches south thirty seven degrees west two hundred and twenty perches south eighty eight degrees west fifty six perches south forty five degrees west eighty three perches south twenty five degrees East eighty five perches south thirty two degrees west seventy two perches south twenty eight degrees East one hundred and twenty four perches south seventy nine degrees East seventy perches north seventy seven degrees East twenty four perches north twenty six degrees East one hundred and eighteen