[illegible] to John Williams or William W. Allen, this is what I understood to be the object of the
the first bond was executed at John Williams's, the second as well as I remember (22) was
executed at William W. Allens to the best of my recollection they were both executed in the
last of the year 1819 or first of the year 1820. Almost all the proceedings upon which
I have been examined took place within six months of each other. I was present at
the execution of both. Isaac Harris was present at the execution of one, and Mr. Bennet
at the execution of the other, these bonds were executed after I had got the [illegible] &
accounted with Peter Guillet for them. Item. To the sixty first interrogatory deponent
answers and says "I was in the Piazza of Mr. Richmonds tavern, the persons present
were to the best of my recollection, William Childs, Robert Callender, I probably a negro man,
but who they were I do not recollect, I had no particular reason to suppose that the answer
of William W. Allen to John Williams's question, would tend to the advantage of John Williams
in this suit, but thought it my duty to state them." Item. To the sixty second interrogatory
deponent answers and says "I do not think that William W. Allen was intoxicated, at least
not much so, I had not seen him drink any thing that day. John Williams called on the
gentlemen present not one in particular to take notice what William W. Allen said at the
time. I do not recollect whether there were or were not any persons present except the witnesses
of John Williams. I rather think there were others present. Item. To the sixty third
interrogatory deponent answers and says I was a Witness at that trial as to the value of
the land sold by Peter (33) Guillet to the piece of land in dispute.

Plasmer R. King of Somerset County being twenty five years of age or thereabouts a
Witness produced and sworn as aforesaid on the part and behalf of the defendants in
this cause, and, to be being examined by the Commissioners deponeth & saith as follows
In primis. To the first interrogatory filed on the part of the defendants the deponent answers
and says "I know all the parties in this cause except William Whittington with whom I have
no particular acquaintance. I have been acquainted with Peter Guillet about two years, I
have known John Williams four years or upwards. I have known William W. Allen from the
time I was say fifteen years old until the present time, we went to school together - it has
been about two years since I first saw William Whittington. Item. The second inter-
rogatory waived by consent. To the third interrogatory deponent answers and says,
"I have had the means of knowing William W. Allens general character, and from such
knowledge certainly should not believe him on his Oath. Item. From the fourth to the
sixth and last interrogatory waived by consent.

On cross examination of the said Plasmer R. King upon interrogatories filed & propounded
on the part of the Complainant the deponent answers and says as follows
Imprimis. To the first interrogatory filed on the part of the Complainant the deponent
answers and says "to the best of my knowledge." Item. To the second interrogatory deponent
answers and says "I heard William W. Allen speaking disrespectfully of and abusing
Peter Guillet, charging him with cheating him in the timber which he had sold to
Peter Guillet. William W. Allen abused Peter Guillet concerning a road which lay
between their lands which Peter Guillet wanted to change I think it was in the year
1818 or 1819 that William W. Allen told me of it. Item. From the third to the eighteenth
interrogatory waived by consent. Item. To the nineteenth interrogatory deponent answers
and says "He has offered me no inducement, he spoke to me before I was summoned.
Item. From the twentieth to the sixty third interrogatory inclusive waived by
And further this deponent saith not.

William Nelson of Somerset County being forty years of age or thereabouts a Witness
produced and sworn as aforesaid on the part and behalf of the defendants in this cause and
who being examined by the Commissioners deposeth and saith as follows
Imprimis. To the first interrogatory filed on the part of the defendant this deponent answers &
says as follows I am acquainted with the parties I have known Peter Guillet four years last
February John Williams for twenty years, William W. Allen ever since his father's death, when
he was a small child, and William Whittington about two years. Item. The second inter-
rogatory waived by consent. Item. To the third interrogatory deponent answers says (35)



I have had the means of knowing the general character of William W. Allen, and from such
knowledge I cannot say that I would believe him on his oath at all times, he has not been true
to me as he might to have been. Item. To the fourth & fifth interrogatories waived by consent.
Item. To the sixth interrogatory deponent answers and says "not by no means"
Item. To the 7th 8th 9th & last interrogatories waived by consent. On cross examination of the said
William Nelson upon interrogatories filed and propounded on the part of the Complainant
this deponent answers and says as follows. Imprimis. To the first interrogatory
filed on the part of the Complainant the deponent answers and says, "We never had the
least difference or misunderstanding at any time." Item. To the second interrogatory de-
ponent answers and says, "I have no knowledge of any difference or misunderstanding be-
tween Peter Guillet and William W. Allen except from hearsay. I know of no difference in
1816 between Peter Guillet and William W. Allen. Item. The third interrogatory waived by consent
Item. To the fourth interrogatory deponent answers and says, I never heard John Williams or
William W. Allen say any thing of any such agreement or understanding.
Item. To the fifth to the eighteenth interrogatory inclusive waived by consent
Item. To the nineteenth to the forty ninth interrogatory inclusive waived by consent
Item. To the forty seventh interrogatory deponent answers and says (36) William W. Allen
has owed me money and would not pay it, William W. Allen and myself & deceased a
debt for Joseph Porter, we were executors and I had the money to pay myself & from
what I have heard others say I should not believe him on his oath. Item. From the
forty eighth to the sixty third interrogatory inclusive waived. And further this deponent saith not.

By an agreement of the parties and their Counsel the Commissioners then adjourned
until to-morrow morning to meet again at the same place by half an hour after seven o'clock.

One House Princess Anne Friday morning 13th July 1821. The Commissioners &
their Clerk met agreeably to adjournment. The Complainant and John Williams one
of the defendants both attended with their respective Counsel and William W. Allen
another of the defendants also attended in propria persona.

William Brockett of Somerset County being forty one years of age, or thereabouts a Wit-
ness produced and sworn as aforesaid on the part and behalf of the defendants in this
cause this day and who being examined by the Commissioners deposeth & saith as follows.
Imprimis. To the first interrogatory filed on the part of the defendants this deponent answers
and says "I know all the parties except William Whittington who I have only seen, I have
known Peter Guillet personally four years, John Williams personally about two years (37) and
William W. Allen ever since he was a boy say five or six years. Item. The second interrogatory
waived by consent. Item. To the third interrogatory deponent answers and says "I
think I have had the means of knowing William W. Allens general character, having been
some days and intercourse with him myself, and having heard persons speak of
him, who I could believe, I should not rely on his oath as soon as that of some other
persons to whom I am acquainted. Item. From the fourth to the ninth and last
interrogatories inclusive waived by consent
And further this deponent saith not. Cross examination waived for the present

George W. Porter, a Witness who was on the 20th instant produced on the part of
the defendants being again called in this day at the instance of the Complainant, and
previous to cross-examination deposeth and saith as follows. Imprimis. To the first
fourth interrogatory deponent answers and says I think that Isaac Woolford and John
Stewart were the Witnesses to the bond, but am not positive whether they were Witnesses
to the bond or to the Deed, the last time that I saw the bond, it was in the hands of the Attorney
on the trial between Peter Guillet and John Williams. Item. To the sixty fifth inter-
rogatory deponent answers and says "As well as I recollect the date of the bond was
in 1794. I do not recollect whether the Witnesses to the bond and the Deed were the same
and further the deponent saith not.

The Counsel for the defendant John Williams intimated that he for the present closed the examination of the Witnesses on (38)
his part.

The Counsel for the complainant then proceeded to the Commissioners a list
of interrogatories to be propounded to the Witnesses produced on his part and behalf