contents of the within Bill and the facts therein stated are just and true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn to before me. Jacob Conrad Jun.
James & John Rowland Executors of William & March Court 1788. Vendi Exp. Debt £20-10.
Interest from March 1st 1785. Cost 500lbs Tob.
and Co: 238 lbs.
John Crawford. Sold to Plff for £10-10

Whereupon according[ly] is[sued] Subpoena in the usual form directed to the said James Rowland and Israel Reynolds, and returnable to the next Term.
At which said next Term to wit, the first Monday of September 1815. comes again into Court here the Complainants aforesaid by their Solicitor aforesaid, and the Sheriff of Cecil County aforesaid and made return of the said Subpoena aforesaid so as aforesaid issued and directed to the said James Rowland and Israel Reynolds, thereon endorsed, "Summoned" and the said James Rowland and Israel Reynolds comes into Court here by John Partridge Esquire their Attorney and appeared to the said Bill. Whereupon the said James Crawford and Hannah Marcus by their Solicitor aforesaid prays that the said James Rowland and Israel Reynolds to their Bill aforesaid may answer by the next Term. And the said James Crawford & Hannah Marcus by their Solicitor aforesaid, on this tenth day of January Eighteen hundred and sixteen filed in Court here the following Order and Interrogatorys.

Crawford, Marquis & Wife
&
Rawlings and Reynolds

Bill in Chancery side of Court.

Mr. Sewall will please issue a Commission to John A. Cromwell, George W. Lightner, Samuel C. Hall and John Key to take depositions in the above case, under the act of Assembly of 1779. Ch. 8. to perpetuate Testimony in Chancery Causes.

W. Rudulph Sol. Jan'y 8th 1816.

To the Clk of Cecil County.

James Crawford, Marquis & Wife
&
James Rowland & Israel Reynolds

Interrogatories to be administered to any Witness examined under the annexed Commission.

1st Interrog. Do you know the parties Complainants and Defendants in the above case.
2d. Did you know John Crawford late of Cecil County deceased in his lifetime and how long did you know him, and at what time did he die.
3d. Do you know any thing of an agreement either verbal or in writing made by & between the said John Crawford in his lifetime and James Rowland one of the defendants relative to a tract or parcel of Land containing about One Hundred acres more or less, situate on the Waters of Octoraro Creek, claimed by & then in the possession of the said John Crawford. If yea state your knowledge of that agreement as specifically as your recollection will enable you to do; and state whether your knowledge of that agreement was obtained from James Rowland. State also your knowledge of the Land alluded to in that agreement & whether James Rowland ever did perform that agreement, and whether the said John Crawford ever did perform the same on his part.
4th Do you know any thing of a Patent having been obtained for the said tract of Land by James Rowland and under what circumstances. State your knowledge of the same fully, and how you obtained that information. If you know any thing more that would benefit the Complainants in this suit, state the same fully as if particularly interrogated thereto. W. Rudulph's acct. pro Compt. Jan'y 8th 1816.

At which said next Term, to wit, the first Monday of April 1816, comes here again into Court as well the said parties Complainants by Tobias Rudulph Esq'r their Solicitors, as the said defendants by their Counsel aforesaid, and the said defendants by their Counsel aforesaid filed in Court here the following answer.

James Crawford & Hannah Marcus
&
James Rowland & Israel Reynolds

The joint and several answer of the Defendants to the Bill of Complaint aforesaid &c. These Defendants now and at all times hereafter saving & reserving to themselves all and all manner of benefit of exception and advantage to the many & sundry errors, imperfections and untruths in the said Bill mentioned, nevertheless for answer thereto or to so much thereof as these defendants are advised is material for them to answer unto, they answer and say that they admit that James Rowland one of these defendants did obtain a Judgment in Cecil County Court against John Crawford in said Bill mentioned only for a much larger sum. that the Land in said Bill mentioned was executed and sold by the Sheriff of Cecil County, and that said Rowland became the purchaser who afterwards duly applied for and obtained a Patent, and has since sold the same to Israel Reynolds at a fair price and bonafide. These defendants admit that the said Israel Reynolds did obtain a Jury to turn out the said James Crawford from the House which he occupied as Tenant at Will. But these defendants deny the promises stated in the Bill as having been made by James Rowland in the manner & form as therein expressed, and only admit that said James Rowland from motives of humanity permitted the said Crawford to occupy a small house as tenants at Will for a number of years. These Defendants further answer and say that immediately after the said purchase made by the said James Rowland of the said Lands which were sold by the Sheriff of Cecil County, by virtue of a Venditioni Exponas issued out of Cecil County Court returnable to March Term 1785, and under which the Lands were sold to him for forty pounds and upwards, he did with the consent and approbation of the said Father of the Complainants enter into the peaceable, quiet and actual occupation of the whole of the said premises except a small log Cabin and a little Garden, which he did agree that the said John Crawford should live in as long as he lived, and that he the said James Rowland and Israel Reynolds to whom he sold the said Lands have been ever since, being for more than twenty years in the peaceable possession and occupation of the same, except of the Log Cabin of which the said Israel Reynolds was by virtue of an Inquisition duly held, put into the possession after the said James Crawford had been put out of the same as having been the Tenant at Will of the said Israel Reynolds, as was found by the Jury of Inquest. And the said James Rowland further answers that it is utterly untrue that he ever did promise or agree to take out a Patent for the said Lands in the name or for the use of the said John Crawford, or that the said Crawford ever did in his lifetime tender to him the Debt, interest cost & charges for which the said Lands were purchased at and paid for by the said James Rowland, but that he purchased the same for himself Patented it in his own name and for his own use, and from the time of the said purchase till he sold the same to Israel Reynolds occupied and possessed