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William L. W. Seabrook
Commissioner of the Land Office

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I hereby certify that the aforegoing Patent is truly copied from Liber W.L.W.S. No. 2. folio 99 & 100 one of the Land Record Books of this Office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Land Office of Maryland this 11th day of January 1867.

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Comr. of the Land Office.

Also the Act of Assembly of Maryland passed at January Session for the year 1867 Chapter 120. as follows:

Chapter 120.

An Act to repeal the Act of Eighteen hundred and sixty six, chapter ninety three, relating to a Patent for a tract of land in Allegany County called "St. Barbe"

Whereas it is represented to this General Assembly that Thomas Devecmon, late of Allegany County, deceased, procured on the fourteenth day of January in the year eighteen hundred and sixty three a special warrant of escheat, to resurvey and effect a tract of land called White Oak Bottom, lying in said Allegany County, and upon the fifth day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty three, surveyed the same and returned the certificate thereof to the Land Office and Compounded thereon, and Patent issued to him the twenty fifth day of September, in the said year, eighteen hundred and sixty three for said land under the name of "Castleton", And

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whereas afterwards John A. Smith returned to the Land Office, a re-survey upon an escheat warrant for the same land, against which a caveat was entered by said Thomas Devecmon, and upon a hearing before the Commissioner of said Land Office, said caveat of said Thomas Devecmon was ruled good: And whereas said John A. Smith obtained an Act of the General Assembly, being chapter ninety three, among the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty six, directing the Commissioner of the Land Office to issue a Patent for said land to said John A. Smith, under the name of "St. Barbe" and in pursuance of said Act, the Commissioner of the Land Office did issue said patent on the first day of March eighteen hundred and sixty six; And whereas said Act was passed upon misrepresentation to the General Assembly and without notice to the heirs at law of said Thomas Devecmon, deceased, And whereas application has been made to this General Assembly for relief in the premises:

Therefore

Section 1. Be it enacted, That said Act of eighteen hundred and sixty six, chapter ninety three, be and the same is hereby repealed and that said patent issued to said John A. Smith as aforesaid be and the same is hereby declared null and void.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the Commissioner of the Land Office is hereby directed to notice this Act upon the margin of the record of said Patent to said John A. Smith.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage

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All the aforegoing testimony being taken subject to objections to be raised by prayers; and it was admitted by both parties that the land included by both patents is the same.