so by the said Jonathan the Father dug and that the said Jonathan the Son the said Mill and race during that time did use and employ in Grinding Grist.

And the Jurors aforesaid do further say that from the time of the said Lease until the Execution of the said deeds indented from the said Jonathan the Son and from the said George Walker to the said Edward, the said Jonathan the Son and the said George did possess and enjoy the same Water Mill and race and the said Water Mill and race did use and employ in Grinding Grist.

And the Jurors aforesaid further say that from the Execution of the said deeds indented from the said Jonathan the Son, and from the said George Walker to the said Edward Fotterell until the death of the said Edward he the said Edward was possessed of the same Mill and race and during all that time used and employed the same Mill and race in grinding Grist. and that from the time of the death of the said Edward until the time of the death of the said Thomas he the said Thomas was possessed of the said Water Mill and race and during all that time did use and employ the same Mill and race in Grinding Grist.

And the Jurors aforesaid do further find that from the time of obtaining the aforesaid writ of ad quod Dammum until sometime in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty three there was not any Water Grist mill built and erected or any new race dug on the said Land called Hansors Improvement or on the lands in the said Lease mentioned by any person whatever; and that during the said period there was not any Water Grist mill or race on the said tract called Hansors Improvement, or on the land in the said Lease as mentioned except the said Water mill by the said Jonathan the father built and erected and the race by him the same Jonathan dug and made; and that it doth not appear to the said Jurors that the said Water mill did at any time after the erecting thereof by the said Jonathan the father and before the said year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty three break and go to decay.

And the Jurors aforesaid do further find that on the second day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two and for a long time before and after Nathaniel Ramsay, Clement Hollyday and Gabriel Duvall Esquires were commissioners to preserve all British property seized and confiscated within the State of Maryland duly authorised and appointed in pursuance of and agreeably to an Act entitled An Act to appoint

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commissioners to preserve confiscated British property. and so being Commissioners for the purpose aforesaid they the said Nathaniel Ramsay, Clement Hollyday and Gabriel Duvall as Commissioners aforesaid entered upon the aforesaid tract of land called Hansors Improvement and upon the land in the said Lease mentioned and were seized and possessed thereof as the Law requires and being so seized and possessed of the Lands and so being Commissioners aforesaid afterwards to wit the day and year last aforesaid at the County aforesaid did set up and expose to sale by auction the Lands aforesaid and all the right and title which the State of Maryland or themselves as Commissioners had in the said lands by reason of the his of the said Thomas Fotterell being a British subject on the terms by an act of Assembly intitled An Act to procure a Loan and for the sale of Escheat Lands and the confiscated British property therein mentd. directed the Lands aforesaid being part of the Lands in the said Act so mentioned and directed to be sold, they the said Commissioners having first given six weeks notice in the Baltimore News papers of the time and place of setting up and exposing the same to sale At which said sale the said Benjamin Griffith, Richard Sumner and Philip Hall the Lessors of the Plaintiff were the highest bidders and the purchasers of the said Lands and of all the right and title which the said State or the commissioners aforesaid had therein and the same were struck off at the said sale to the aforesaid Lessors of the said Plaintiff and they were then and there declared by the said Commissioners, the purchasers thereof and that they the said Nathaniel Ramsay, Clement Holliday and Gabriel Duvall afterwards to wit on the same day and year as Commissioners aforesaid having so as aforesaid sold the said Lands and all the Estate and right which the said State or the said Commissioners had therein to the said Lessors of the Plaintiff and they the said Lessors having complied with the terms of the sale did for a valuable consideration in money therein mentioned duly make and execute a deed indented to the said Lessors of the said Plaintiff which said deed was duly acknowledged and recorded among the Land records of Baltimore County in these words.

This Indenture made this second day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two Between Clement Holliday, Nathaniel Ramsay and Gabriel Duvall Commissioners appointed to preserve all British property seized and confiscated within the State of Maryland of the one

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