it could not, that he bounded on one side of the river and Mr. Hammond bounded on the other side, that ever since he can remember Mr. Philip Hammond has always claimed the Land this side of the River, to the river and bounded on it and cut Timber on the same, and that he never heard any dispute about it, untill Mr. Ely Dorsey came and cut some logs this side of the river, when a dispute arose between him and Colo. Hammond respecting the same and Colo. Hammond took away the logs from him — This Deponent further saith that he was born on a tract of land called Browns Forrest adjoining Dryers Inheritance about a Mile from here and that he has always lived in the Neighbourhood — Valentine Brown

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No. 2 The Deposition of Valentine Brown aged sixty three years or thereabouts being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that the Old fields lying to the Westward of this place has been cleared ever since he could remember which has been near fifty years and that they have always been in the peaceable possession of Mr. Philip Hammond and his family ever since and that he never knew or heard of any other person having any claim to the same — Valentine Brown

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No. 3. Valentine Brown being further sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that the old fields to the Westward of the place where he is now at has been cleared about forty years ago and that they have always been in the peaceable possession of Mr. Philip Hammond and his family ever since, and that he never knew or heard of any other person having any claim to the same — Valentine Brown

Test. Vachel Stevens Surv. of AActy. June 17th 1795.

The Deposition of James Kerby aged about sixty five years old deposeth and saith that where he now is or hereabouts he was informed by Edward Sears, stood the old dwelling house in which one William Wagers lived, as Tenant to old Mr. Philip Hammond and that he also has been informed by old Mr. John Hatherly and old Mr. John Barlow that one William Wagers lived there, among some old apple Trees, as Tenant to Mr. Philip Hammond and that the old fields lying to the East of this place towards Patuxent River, now shewn to the Surveyor, he

has heard called Hammonds old fields and Wagers old fields, and that he can remember these old fields above fifty years, and that all the time that Edward Sears was Overseer for Mr. Philip Hammond up here at Elk ridge they were under a constant fence and inclosure, and were cultivated and Worke, by said Edward Sears for Philip Hammonds use, as part of his Middle Quarter or plantation and that he has often seen good Crops of Corn and Wheat grow thereon, and that he never heard that Capt. John Dorsey or any other person laid any claim to said Old fields, or to any land lying on this West side of the Patuxent River until some years past, he heard that Mr. Ely Dorsey claimed some land on this West side of the river and cut and had caused to be cut fence logs, which occasioned a dispute between him and Colo. Hammond and he heard that Colo. Hammond bought away the logs — And this Deponent says, that he always heard the land called Philip Hammond's land, from Browns branch up the river on this West side of Patuxent, and that Edward Sears said Hammond's Overseer used to cut the Timber for the use of the said Philip Hammond's Quarter on the Land adjoining the River Patuxent, on this West side the same being full of timber and where the Quarter were it was generally Sapling land, and that he never heard any Objection thereto by any persons — That Edward Sears married Sarah Kirby this Deponents Sister, and Edward Sears informed this Deponent, that he had lived eighteen years with the Hammond family and that he had been a faithful servant as he called it to them, and that he had lived one year with Philip Hammond, as his Overseer down at Severn and then moved up and lived as Mr. Philip Hammonds Overseer until Mr. Hammond's death, and this Deponent believes he stayed one or two years afterwards with Mr. Hammonds family, and then Squire Carroll got and placed him as his Overseer at Poplar Island where he died — And this Deponent says that here stood an old Tobacco house, all the time Edward Sears was Overseer for Philip Hammond, and that he has seen it remains standing several years after Philip Hammonds death, and that he has seen it full of Tobacco several Times, during the time Edward Sears lived with Mr. Hammond being filled with said Hammonds Tobacco, and that he well remembers Edward Sears having told him that once he filled said house with Tobacco in one