day of April Anno Domini 1797

Nicholas Blanwood Clk A.A. City

Received the 18th day of September 1797 to be recorded, and same day recorded in Liber W.B. No. 13 folio 610 and 611 one of the land records of Frederick County and examined

Wm. William Ritchie Clk

The Defendants then produced and read to the Court a patent granted to John Carmack, Stephen Richards and Daniel Richards for a tract of land called Hobsons Choice

John Carmack, Stephen Richards and Daniel Richards Pat 215 Hopsons Choice

Frederick Co. Know ye that for and in consideration that John Carmack, Stephen Richards and Daniel Richards of Frederick County in our said Province of Maryland hath due unto them twenty five acres of land within our said Province by virtue of a warrant for that quantity granted them the thirty first day of August seventeen hundred and fifty two as appears in our Land Office and upon such Conditions and terms as are expressed in our Conditions of plantation of our said Province bearing date the fifth day of April sixteen hundred and eighty four and remaining upon record in our said Province together with such alterations as in them are made by our further conditions bearing date the fourth day of December sixteen hundred and ninety six together also with the alterations made by our instructions bearing date at London the twelfth day of September seventeen hundred and twelve and registered in our Secretarys Office of our said Province together with a paragraph of our instructions bearing date at London the fifteenth day of December seventeen hundred and thirty eight and registered in our Land Office. We do therefore hereby grant unto them the said John Carmack, Stephen Richards and Daniel Richards all that tract or parcel of land called Hopson Choice beginning at a bounded white Oak standing on the east side of a small draught which falls into the south side of Little Pipe Creek a draught of Monocacy

running thence west eighty perches thence fifty two perches east eighty perches thence by a straight line to the beginning tree containing and now laid out for twenty five acres of land more or less according to the Certificate of survey thereof taken and returned into our Land Office bearing date the twenty third day of January seventeen hundred and fifty three and there remaining together with all rights, profits, benefits and previledges thereunto belonging (royal mines excepted) To have and To hold the same unto them the said John Carmack, Stephen Richards and Daniel Richards their heirs and assigns forever to be holden of us and our heirs as of our Manor of Cinnogochogue in free and common socage by fealty only for all manner of services yielding and paying therefor yearly unto us and our heirs at our receipt at our City of Saint Mary's at the two most usual feasts in the year (viz the feast of the annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Michael the archangel) by even and equal portions the rent of one shilling sterling in silver or gold and for a fine upon every alienation of the said land or any part or parcel thereof and whole years rent in silver or gold or the full value thereof in such commodities as we and our heirs or such officer or officers as shall be appointed by us and our heirs from time to time to collect and receive the same shall accept in discharge thereof at the Choice of us and our heirs or such officer or officers as aforesaid Provided that if the said rent or a fine for alienation shall not be paid unto us and our heirs or such officer or officers aforesaid before such alienation and the said alienation entered upon record either in the Provincial Court or in the County Court where the same parcel of land lieth within one Month next after such alienation the said alienation shall be void and of no effect given under our great seal of our said Province of Maryland this twenty third day of January Anno Domini seventeen hundred and fifty three. Witness our trusty and well beloved Benjamin Tasker Esquire President of our Council and Commander in Chief of our said Province of Maryland Chancellor and Keeper of the great seal thereof.

The Benjamin Great seal Tasker