hundred pounds Current money the Consideration within mentioned

Witness John Spragg Beck — Richard Hopkins
Archibald Dorsey — Hannah Hopkins

Anne Arundel County to wit. Be it remembered that on the sixth day of April 1797 personally appeared before the subscribers two Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid Richard Hopkins who acknowledged the aforegoing instrument of writing as his act and deed according to the true intent and meaning thereof. at the same time came Hannah his wife of the said Richard Hopkins who being by us privately examined apart from and out of the hearing of her said husband acknowledged the aforegoing instrument of writing to be her voluntary act and deed according to the true intent and meaning thereof. at the same time she further declared that she executed the said deed and made this her acknowledgement freely and voluntarily without being induced thereto by fear of or threats of ill usage from her said husband or through fear of his displeasure

Acknowledged before John Spragg Beck
Archibald Dorsey

Anne Arundel County sc. I hereby Certify that John Spragg Beck and Archibald Dorsey gentlemen before whom the aforegoing acknowledgement was made were at the time of making the same and sitting and Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid and to all Certificates by them given as such due faith and credit is and ought to be given as well in Courts of Justice as thereout

(seal of A. A. County) In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of Office this 10th day of April Anno Domini 1797

Nicholas Harwood Clk. A. County

Received the 1st day of September 1797 to be recorded and same day recorded in Liber W. R. No. 15 fo: 618 and 619 one of the land records of Frederick

and examined William Ritchie Clk

And that the said Rachel Dorsey is one other of the lessors of the plaintiff

The defendants then produced and read to the Jury a patent granted

to John Carmack, Stephen Richards and Daniel Richards for a tract of land called Hobsons Choice as follows, to wit

John Carmack, Stephen Richards and Daniel Richards patt 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 Hopsons 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 North fifty two perches east eighty perches then 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 privileges 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 our manor of Conegocheig in fee and Common