have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of Jeremiah Jordan. Wm Kilgour

George Fraser Hawkins (seal)
Susannah T. Hawkins (seal)

On the 29th day of July 1785 came George Fraser Hawkins and Susannah Trueman his wife before us two of the Justices of the peace for Saint Marys County and acknowledged the within instrument of writing to be their act and deed and the land and premises therein mentioned to be the right and estate of John Trueman Hawkins his heirs and Assigns forever after the death of the above said George Fraser Hawkins and Susannah Truman his wife and the said Susannah Trueman being examined privately by us and out of the hearing of her said husband acknowledged that she did the same of her own free will and not through any threats of her said husband or fear of his displeasure

Jeremiah Jordan
Wm Kilgour

Received to be recorded July 30th 1785. by Timothy Bowes clk

Recorded and examined by. Timothy Bowes clk.

Saint Marys County to wit I hereby certify that the within deed is a true copy taken from Liber J. B. No 3. folio 265 one of the Land records of Saint Marys County In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office this 5th day of June (seal) Anno Domini 1801.

John Harris clk of Saint Marys County Court.

And that the same was acknowledged and recorded in the manner and at the time as therein endorsed. The Defendants further gave in evidence that the said John Trueman Hawkins afterwards entered upon the said land in the said last mentioned deed contained and was

thereof seized as the Law requires, and that being so seized he departed this life intestate leaving one son John Hawkins his heir at Law and infant under twenty one years of age and that the Defendants in this cause are in possession of the said land for which the Ejectment is brought under and in the title of the said John Hawkins the plaintiff then prayed the opinion of the Court and their direction to the Jury that the Deed aforesaid executed by the said George F. Hawkins and Susannah T. Hawkins his wife to the said John T. Hawkins their son was insufficient and inoperative to convey a fee simple in the land in the said deed mentioned to said John T. Hawkins The Court were of opinion and so directed the Jury that the acknowledgement of the feme covert is defective the words "ile usage" not being inserted in the certificate of the Justices who took the said acknowledgement and that the said deed is inoperative to pass and transfer her interest in the said Land to which opinion of the Court the Defendants by their Counsel excepts and pray the Court to sign and seal this their Bill of exceptions according to the form of the Statute &c and which is accordingly done this seventeenth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four

Jeremiah Townley Chase (seal)
R.d Spragg (seal)

No 2. Upon the aforegoing Statement the Defendant by his Counsel prayed the opinion of the Court and their direction to the Jury that notwithstanding the said deeds of lease and release preparatory to the execution of the said recovery and notwithstanding the said recovery the Estate tail created by the will of the said Thomas Trueman Greenfield remained in full force And further that if the said recovery was sufficient to bock the said entail, The plaintiff was only entitled to recover three fourths of the lands actually contained within the true location of the said original Tracts which were resurveyed into the survey on which the said patent was