of Anne Arundel County in form following to wit Maryland Sct The
State of Maryland to the Sheriff and Surveyor of Anne Arundel County
Greeting Whereas at a General Court begun and held at the city
of Annapolis on the second Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord
one Thousand seven hundred and ninety nine it was so far proceeded
in a certain plea of Trespass and Ejectment in the said Court depending
between a certain Paul Bigot Lefew of the Corporation of the Roman
catholic Clergymen plaintiff and a certain Philip Hammond
Defendant that it was considered absolutely necessary for the
better information of the said Court and the jury in the truth
of the premises that all that tract of land situate lying and
being in the County of Anne Arundel aforesaid called by the
name of Agnis with the appurtenances be carefully resurveyed
and laid out according to the ancient metes and bounds thereof
as in the original certificates of survey thereof is expressed And to
the end that the said Lands in controversy and the claims and
pretences of both parties may more plainly and indifferently
appear to the Court and jury Therefore you the said Surveyor in
the presence of you the said Sheriff are hereby commanded
carefully to resurvey and lay out as well the said lands in
dispute as any other land adjacent thereto which shall be thought
necessary by the said plaintiff or Defendant to be laid out for the
better illustration of the matter according to the claims and pretensions
of the plaintiff in the presence of the defendant if he being summoned
think fit to be present and without any interruption of him the said
Defendant or if absent notice to be left at his place of residence
or last place of abode and likewise survey and lay out the same
Lands in dispute as aforesaid according to the claims and pretensions
of the Defendant in the presence of the plaintiff if he being
summoned think fit to be present without any interruption of him
the said plaintiff or if absent notice to be left at his place of residence
or last place of abode And you the said Sheriff are hereby empowered
to examine upon oath any witness or witnesses that by either of the
said parties shall be produced in relation to the same And you the

said Sheriff are hereby ordered to give both the said parties thirty days
notice before the execution of this writ And you the said Surveyor are
hereby commanded to return fair certificates and plots therefor
drawing the pretensions of the plaintiff in black lines and the pretensions
of the Defendant in pricked lines as well under the hands and seals
of you the said Sheriff as you the said Surveyor to the General
Court to be held at the city of Annapolis on the second Tuesday
of May next that the said Court and jury being rightly informed
of the truth of the premises may further proceed therein as to
justice appertains and so forth Witness the Honorable Jeremiah
Townley Chase Esquire Chief Judge of the said Court the eighth
day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and ninety nine Issued the 5th day of November 1799 John Gwinn Clk
And thereupon the same day is given to the parties aforesaid there
another and so forth At which said second Tuesday of May being the
thirteenth day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and the day of the return of the aforegoing warrant of Resurvey
comes again into the General Court here as well the said Paul Bigot
Lefew as aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid as the said Philip Hammond
by his attorneys aforesaid and the Sheriff and Surveyor of Anne Arundel
County aforesaid to whom the said warrant of resurvey was in form aforesaid
directed make return thereof to the Court here that they had in virtue of the
warrant of Resurvey aforesaid proceeded to execute the same but that they
had not been able fully to complete the said survey as by the said warrant
of Resurvey they are commanded and so forth whereupon the parties aforesaid
by their attorneys aforesaid file in Court here an agreement in form following
to wit It is agreed that the plots and certificates in the former Ejectment
of Philip Hammond against John Ashton in the General Court shall be
used in this cause It is also agreed that the depositions formerly taken on the
said survey between the said Philip Hammond against John Ashton
shall be read in evidence in the present cause so far as the Depositions contain
Legal and proper Testimony But each party shall be at Liberty to make any
addition or alteration to the said plots and if they shall think proper
summon any of the Witnesses where depositions were taken