Was Indorsed on the Back thereof—

Nov. 5. 1700. Then came Mrs Rachel Kilburn, Wm Norris, Mary England, Sarah Paine and Andrew Sutherland the Witnesses Subscribed to ye will and made oath that they saw the above Richard Hill, sign Seal publish and declare the above written to be his last will and Testament and that at the doing thereof he was of Sound and perfect mind and memory—

Surat Die et Anno Supr dict Coram Me

Wm Taylard Regr

In testimony that the within is a true Copy taken from one of the Record Books in the late Prerogative office I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Seal of my office this 19th day of May in the year of our Lord 1800.

Seal of Orphans Court A. A. Co.

Jno Gassaway Regr Wills A. A. Coty

And therein devised said tract of land to his three Sons as tenants in Common in fee, that Henry Survived his two Brothers and became Sole Seised in fee of said land as heir to the Patentee that the said Henry had issued two Sons Richard the eldest and Joseph the youngest that Richard Removed to the Island of Madeira and resided there many years, That he was there alive in the year Seventeen hundred and fifty, and afterwards died there leaving Henry Hill of Philadelphia his son and heir at Law that the said last mentioned Henry Hill died in Philadelphia in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety eight, a man of large fortune and without Children and that his heirs are Sisters and the Children of his deceased Sisters, That the Plaintiff to make title in this Cause having produced and offered to Read in Evidence an Exemplification from the Records of the General Court of an instrument of writing from Henry Hill to his Youngest Son Joseph Bearing date the 27th day of July 1737 in these words to wit. To all christain People, To whom these presents shall come, Henry Hill of Ann Arundel County in the province of Maryland sendeth Greeting &c. know ye that I the said Henry Hill as well for and in Consideration of the natural love and affection which I have and do bear unto my dear and well beloved Son Joseph Hill of the County and province aforesaid as also for divers other good Causes and Considerations me there unto moving have given granted made over and confirm unto my said Son Joseph Hill his heirs and assigns forever the Several

tracts or parcels of land following that is to say one tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the fork of Gunpowder River in Baltimore County called and known by the name of Hills Forrest and Containing a thousand acres more or less two other tracts or parcels of land situate lying and being on the north side of little Choptank River in Dorchester County, the one called Tench's Hope Containing two hundred acres, the other called Ragged point, Containing four hundred and forty acres or there abouts be the same more or less, To have and to hold the said several parcels of land called Hills Forrest Tench's Hope and Ragged point with all and Singular the premises, rights, profits, advantages, Emoluments and appertunances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining unto him the said Joseph Hill his heirs and assigns forever to his and their own proper use and behoof for ever more, Together with the full, free, quiet and absolute possession of the same to all ends and purposes whatsoever, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty seventh day of July seventeen hundred and thirty Seven,

Henry Hill (Seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of John Price, Geo Stewart, Robert Gordon.

on the Back of the foregoing Deed is thus endorsed viz.

Maryland Ss July 27th 1737. then came the within mentioned Henry Hill and acknowledged the within Deed of Gift according to the direction of the act of Assembly before me the Subscriber one of his Lordships Justices of the Provincial Court.

Robert Gordon.

July the 27th 1737 Received of the within named Mr Joseph Hill for the use of the right Honourable the Lord Baltimore three pounds one shilling and eight pence being for the alienation fines of the within mentioned lands,

Peny. Tasker.

Record July the 29th 1737.

I hereby Certify that the aforegoing is a true Copy taken from Liber P.L. No 8. folio 584 one of the land Record Books of the Provincial Court,

Seal of the Genl Court W.S.M.

In testimony whereof to this Exemplification the same being first duly stamped, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the General Court for the Western Shore this 17th day of May Anno Domini 1800.

Jno Guvin Clk

Which the Court refused to permit it to be read in support of the title. The Counsel for the defendant then offered in Evidence an entry on the rent Rolls in the Land office refering to the date mentioned in the said Exemplification to account for the said entry being made on the said Rent Rolls to Wit,

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1000	2.	Hills Forrest Surv.d 4th Sept. 1683 for Ri. Hill, above ye head of Gunpowder River on ye So. Side ye Nor Branch of ye said	1000	Joseph Hill from Henry Hill 27th July 1737.

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