at the foot of the aforegoing instrument of writing was thus written to Wit; State of Maryland Charles County to Wit; October 3d. 1793 then came before us two of the States Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid the Revd. Mr. James Walton and acknowledged the within instrument of writing to be his act and deed and that the whole of the property which he is now in the actual and rightfull possession of whether real or personal or mixed is by him vested in manner and form according to the true intent and meaning of the act of Assembly "Entitled" An act for securing certain estates and property for the support and uses of the ministers of the Roman Catholic Religion. –

Acknowledged Before and Certified by

Henry H Chapman, Henry Barnes

At the same time to Wit: on the day and year last aforesaid personally appeared before us the Subscribers as aforesaid the Revd. Mr. James Walton and made oath on the holy evangels of Almighty god that all the property whether real personal or mixed now in his actual possession he always and now Bona fide holds for pious purposes acquired either before the fourteenth day of August in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six, or acquired since that time in exchange for property held before the said fourteenth day of August seventeen hundred and seventy six in manner as in the within written declaration is expressed and for the purposes as therein mentioned.

Sworn Before,

Henry Barnes. Henry H Chapman.

Recorded the 15th day of October 1793.

I hereby certify that the aforegoing is truly taken from Liber S.S. No. 3 folios 285. 286 and 287 one of the deed Records of the General Court for the Western Shore of Maryland.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the said General Court this twenty eighth day of May in the year of our lord one thousand Eight hundred and five.

Seal of General Court.

Test. John Gwinn Clk Genl. Court.
Western Shore State of Maryland.

The Plaintiff also gave in evidence to the Jury that the said George Thorold, Richard Molyneaux George Hunter and James Walton and also the said James Gwin in the will of the said George Thorold mentioned were severally in their life times Priests and ministers of the Roman Catholic Religion and to prove that the said James Carroll, George Thorold, Richard Molyneaux, George Hunter, James Walton and the lessors of the Plaintiff have at all times from the fifteenth day of September in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and nine been in the actual possession and occupation of the said tract of land called Aypo, under the patent thereof and under the said deed several wills and declarations above mentioned claiming the same as their estate, gave in evidence to the Jury an extract

from the Rent Rolls of Anne Arundel County which is in the following words and figures

Acres	rent				
400	16/	Aypo surveyed 3d. September 1682. for Henry Hanslop on the east side of the North Branch of Patuxent River Possd. Thomas Gafsaway in right of his Wife the Daughter of said Hanslop.	400	16/	James Carroll from Thomas Gafsaway Exd. 15th. September 1709. Jno. Killey Regr. of Ld. Off. W. S. Taken from Rent Roll.

The Plaintiff also offered in evidence for the purpose aforesaid the plots and explanations in this case filed and returned and the depositions taken on the survey and stated in the Record and proceedings in this cause, and the plots and explanations filed and returned in a certain action of Ejectment formerly depending in this Court wherein the Defendant in this action was lessor of the plaintiff and a a certain John Ashton was Defendant and the depositions taken and filed in the said action and which are by agreement admitted as evidence in this cause and which are included in and constituted a part of the Record and proceedings in this cause, and the plaintiff also gave in evidence for the purpose aforesaid that for more than forty years last past the Priests of the Roman Catholic Religion and after them the lessors of the plaintiff have held possessed and occupied the said tract of land called Aypo by themselves and their agents cultivating part, and claiming the whole as their estate in fee simple and that there is no recollection or tradition of the said tract of land or any part of it having ever been held or claimed as such by any person or persons other than the said Priests and their agents, and the lessors of the plaintiff and their agents. But the defendant by his Counsel objected to the said testimony offered for the said last mentioned purpose and the Court was of opinion and so directed the Jury that the said matters so offered in evidence for the purpose of proving that the said James Carroll, George Thorold, Richard Molyneaux, George Hunter, and James Walton were in possession as aforesaid are not competent or proper evidence to prove that the said George Hunter was in possession of the said land or any part thereof claiming the whole To which opinion and Direction of the Court the Plaintiff by his Counsel prayed leave to except and that the Court will sign and seal this his Bill of exceptions, according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, which is done accordingly this thirteeth day of May in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and five.

Jeremiah Townley Chase (Seal)
Richard Spriggs (Seal)

No. 4. And the Plaintiff by his Counsel for the purpose of proving that the said tract of land and other large estates were at all times held claimed & occupied by the said George Thorold. Richard Molyneaux, George Hunter &