

At a Court of the Right Honourable Frederick Cheslate Lord and Joseph of the Provinces of Maryland and Annapolis Lord Baron of Baltimore held for Talbot County at the Court House in the same County the First Tuesday in November Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Two and continued by adjournments until the Twenty seventh day of February then next before the same Lord Proprietor his Justices of the peace for the County of whom were present the Worshipfull

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| M ^r Matthew Dilyburnam | M ^r William Martin | M ^r William Bordley |
| M ^r James Dickenson | M ^r William Nicols | M ^r John Stevens |
| M ^r Jonathan Nicols | M ^r John Bracco | |
| William Thomas Sheriff | | John Leeds Clerk |

Talbot County's Thosias Small being appointed Guardian to James Hopkins makes Petition of the Land and plantation of the said James Hopkins which is Enrolled as follows To Wit. - To the Worshipfull Justices of Talbot County in Court sitting Whereas We the Subscribers were appointed to value the lands of James Hopkins son of Peter Hopkins late of this County Deceased To Thosias Small Guardian We do Humbly Certify that we did go on the said Land on the Thirtysfirst day of August last and did find the following Improvements thereon Viz. one dwelling House Twenty five Feet by Eighteen with a Brick End and Chimney plank floored the Inside in good repair one side newly covered the other side bad and must be covered One small Kitchen Twelve Feet by Ten with a Brick Chimney in tolerable good repair one small Milk House six Feet by Six in good repair one Tobacco House Thirty Feet Twenty in good repair Seventy Apple Trees Middle aged and Twenty of Young and small Three small Cherry Trees Two small English Walnut Trees and Thirty Good Beach Trees Seventy two Barnels good Fencing and one Hundred and Eighty two Barnels Low and sorry Fencing there is no Land to clear nor no Mill Timber on the Land nor scarce any fire wood to burn therefore We do agree that the said Thosias Small do pay unto the said James Hopkins yearly the quantity of Two Hundred Bounds of Tobacco during the Life of the Widow Hopkins Mother to the Deceased Peter Hopkins and after her Decease the said Small to pay yearly the quantity of Three Hundred pounds of Tobacco to the said James Hopkins This sixth Day of Novem^r 1772

Tristram Bowdle (seal)
Peter Stevens (seal)

Talbot County Jst. I Certify that on the Thirtysfirst day of August 1772 I summoned Tristram Bowdle and Peter Stevens to meet me on the plantation of James Hopkins Orphan and they made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of God that according to the Best of their skill and Judgment they will make a just Estimate of the Annual Value of the said lands and plantation and what Dwelling Houses Out Houses and Orchards are upon the same and what repair they are in what part of the said Land the said Guardian may be further permitted to clear upon the said plantation as well to raise the yearly rent so valued as aforesaid as also towards His yearly Charge in keeping the said Dwelling House Out Houses Orchards and Fences in repair and so by him to be left

W^m Martin