In perpetuall memory and you are hereby required (Before
you meet on the said Land) where all partys concerned live
the county or where they are not known to affix publick notes
the parish church where the said land lyeth three sundays at
the least before your meeting Intimateing your Intentions and
the time you shall appoint and to cause the like notes to be pu
up in the most publick places in the county twenty days befo
your meeting and you are hereby further required that (whe
any person or persons Interested are known to live out of
county you cause the like notice to be given by affixing a no
at the church door of the parish in which the party or party
do residd forty days at the least before your meeting, And you
are Lastly hereby required to return a certificate of having
given notice as herein before directed together with the depositi
of the evidences aforesaid and this commission at the time and
place aforesaid pursuant to the directions of an Act of Asse
bly of this province in such cases made and provided, and for
your so doing this shall be your Commission ... Witness
Richard Gist Gent. chief justice of our said court the 13th day o
November in the 22d year of our dominion &c Anno Dom
1736 — Signed p order — Wells Stokes, Clk

March the 4th 1736 Then was Mr John Risteau qualified to Execu
the within commission — coram me Aquila Paca

May the 30th 1737 Then was Mr Joseph Cromwell qualified to Exec
the within commission — before me, John Risteau

June 10th 1737 Edward Stevenson one of the within commissioners w
sworne duly and Impartially to Examine the same before
Thomas Sheredine

June the 20th 1737 Then was Nicholas Haile qualified to execute the
within commission before me, John Risteau

In Obediance to the annexed commission being first qualified
as the law directs, and having given due notice according
Law we met on the said tract of Land called the Hop yard
and being directed to a chestnut tree lying on a hill betw
two small branches descending in Jones Falls and in t
presence of Captain John Boreing and Mr George Bailey
Mr Samuel Hooker having first taken his affirmation
being about fifty years of age did say that about twenty t
years since, Dutton Land came with him to the said Che
-nutt and told him that it was the second bounded tree of
the Hop yard and that at that time it appeared to him no
much plainer than it now doth, and further the said
Dutton Land told him that he was present when the sai
chestnut was bounded, said Samuel Hooker further said
that his Father Thomas Hooker told him sundry times tha
the second tree of the said Hop yard was a chestnut and st
on the said Ridge or hill, In Witness whereof we have
hereunto set our hands and seals this 20th day of June
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1737 — John Risteau (Seal)
Edward Stevenson (Seal)
Nicholas Haile (Seal)
Joseph Cromwell (Seal)

August court 1737, By Baltimore county court it is therefore
ordered that the foregoing petition, Land commission and
return and all the proceedings thereunto relateing be
recorded — Signed p order — Wells Stokes Clk

Stephen Orion's petition Land commission & return } To the worshipfull the justices of Balti
on County Judicialy seting the humble
petition of Stephen Orion of the said Coun
most humbly sheweth that your petitioner is seized in fee
simple of a part of a Tract of Land called Samuels Delight ly
ing on the mouth of the Little falls of Gunpowder River the bo
undaries of which tract of Land are decayed your petitioner
prays that you would appoint Commissioners to Pertuate the
Bounds of the aforementioned tract of Land and your
petitioner as in duty Bound shall ever pray —

March Court 1736 } which petition being read and by the justices of the said
Court heard was accordingly granted and Mess. Richard
Caswell, Humphrey Wells Stokes, Walter Tolley & Henry Wetherall
were appointed Commissioners to Examine Evidences relat
ing to the Bounds of said Land & it was thereupon order
that a commission should Issue returnable with all Con
venient speed directed to the above said Commissions for
that purpose —

Baltimore County ss } Charles Absolute Lord & propry of the the provinces of
Maryland & Avalon Lord Barron of Baltimore &c to my
Richard Caswell, Henry Wetherall, Walter Tolley and
Humphry Wells Stokes of Baltimore County Greeting —
Whereas Stephen Orion by his humble petition to our
Justices of our County ass. at a court held at the Town of
Joppa on the first tuesday of March last hath obtained
a commission to prove the Bounds of a tract of Land called
Samuels delight lying on the mouth of the Little Falls of
Gunpowder River, These are therefore to impower you or
any three or two of you (having first taken an Oath by
our County Court or Some Magistrate duly & impartially
to Examine & Certifie what Evidences shall be to you proved
to perpetuate the memory of any of the bounds of the
said tract of Land or of any other Lands whereon the
same shall depend or whereto it relates) to Issue Summons
for all such Evidences as shall be to you nominated by
the petitioner or other persons concerned to appear by
you at a certain day by you to be appointed upon any land
of the ass. land. the boundares whereof are to be proved or per
-pituated also to Examine all such Evidences on their
Oath by you to be administred of their knowledge be
-aring the said boundrais of such Land's also com