

To all Christian People to whom this present writing of Award shall come, George Mason of Gunston Hall in the Parish of Truro & County of Fairfax sendeth greeting; whereas Peter Smith late of Westmoreland County died seized of certain Lands situate Lying & being upon Bull Run, now in the said Parish of Truro & County of Fairfax, which by his last Will & Testament he devised to several of his Children; and Whereas diverse Disputes & Controversies touching & concerning the Division & Boundaries of the sd Lands have been heretofore moved & depending between Elizabeth Landman, the widow, & Peter Smith & William Smith the sons and heirs of James Smith decd (who was one of the sons & Divisees of the above named Peter Smith the Testator) of the one part, and James Jennings son & Devisee of Daniel Jennings decd (who purchased from Thomas Smith another of the sons & Devisees of the said Peter Smith the Testator) of the other part: For the appeasing ending & finally Determining whereof the said Parties have submitted themselves & are become bound each to the other by their several obligations dated the 11th day of June 1767 in the sum of one hundred pounds with Condition thereunder Written for performance of the Award Arbitrament & Determination of Howson Hooe & John Hooe of the County of Prince William Gentm & in case they should disagree in their Opinion, then for the performance of the Award Arbitrament & Determination of Col^o George Mason as Umpire between them; as by the sd obligations & Conditions doth & may more fully at large appear and Whereas the said Howson Hooe & John Hooe Gentm have disagreed in their Opinion & have certified the same under their hands on the 3d day of this present month of July ____ Now know ye that I the said George Mason having taken upon myself the charge & Burden of the sd Award & Arbitrament, & having fully & deliberately heard & Examined the Allegations & Evidence of both the sd parties concerning the Premises, Do by these presents arbitrate determine Award & order that a certain Branch or Run, running thro the sds Lands from the back part thereof into Bull Run generally called the dividing Branch (the same lying & being between the sd James Jennings's Spring Branch, & a Run called the Mill Branch) is & shall be a Boundary & Division between the Lands now held by the sd parties under the Will of the beforementioned Peter Smith late of Westmoreland County decd namely the sd Elizabeth Landman Peter Smith & William Smith as Claimers from the sd James Smith one of the sons & Divisees of the said Peter Smith the Testator, and the sd James Jennings as the Claimer under the purchase from Thomas Smith another of the sons & Divisees of the sd Peter Smith the Testator as aforesaid; the sd Branch or Run having been formerly marked, agreed upon & settled as a Division & Boundary between the sd Lands by the mutual consent & Agreement of the beforementioned James Smith & Thomas Smith two of the sons & Divisees of the sd Peter Smith the Testator before the sd Thomas Smith and his part thereof; And I do further arbitrate determine award & order that the sd Elizabeth Landman, Peter Smith & William Smith their Heirs or Assigns on their part shall not hereafter have, use occupy or claim any of the sd Land lying & being above or on the upper side of the sd Dividing Branch or Run, & that the sd James Jennings his Heirs or Assigns on his part shall not hereafter have, use, occupy or Claim any of the sd Land lying & being below or on the lower side of the said dividing Branch or Run, but that the same shall be & remain a perpetual Division and Boundary between the sd parties & their Heirs & Assigns forever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 15th day of July in the year 1767.

G. Mason

At a Court continued & held for the County of Fairfax 22nd September 1767. This award made by George Mason Gent between Peter Smith & James Jennings is ordered to be recorded.

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P Wagoner, Jun & Dept Cl