

240 February in the seventh year of his Majesty's reign Annoque Domini 1724/5  
 Signed & sealed in presence of  
 Edward Fringes  
 Thomas Fringes  
 Obadiah Butler  
 Joseph Kiffell  
 Pennsylvan  
 On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 1724/5 the above  
 within named Edward Fringes and Thomas Fringes appeared before  
 us the Subscriber one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County  
 and then acknowledged the above and within written to be their own  
 and Deeds.  
 Peter Trachler  
 Joseph Doane  
 Pennsylvan  
 John Ott Esq<sup>r</sup> Commissioned by his Excellency the Governour and  
 Council of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England to be  
 Judge of Probate of Wills and granting of Letters of Administration with  
 in the County aforesd.

Whereas application hath been made to me said Judge by the Heirs  
 of Mr Thomas Fringes formerly of Parrottale Deceased, & by the  
 Dowor of Mr Abigail Fringes the late widow of said Thomas Fringes  
 now deceased, which Dowor contained in the Distringing kept out  
 housing upland and Swamp being about five acres, and two acres  
 of Meadows, all prized at two hundred and forty pounds, by three  
 freeholders under Oath (as the Law directs) charges for passing  
 Letters said to be being three pounds and four shillings thereunto  
 to be divided two hundred thirty six pence and seven shillings  
 and three being three shillings and five pence of the said Abigail  
 Fringes, Deceased, Namely Edward Fringes, Thomas Fringes, Joseph Fringes,  
 Mary Lewis, Susannah Taylor, Hannah Fringes, Abigail Hunt &  
 Dinah Kiffell, and the said Edward Fringes being assigned and it  
 was his said Father's Mind, who formerly did distribute, that he  
 should have but a single Share with the rest of his Brothers and  
 Sisters as appears by the Settlement of his said Father's Estate,  
 made by his Grandfather the seven day of January 1708<sup>th</sup> then  
 Judge of Probate) and whereas there hath arisen some Controversy  
 between said Edward and Thomas Fringes, that for as much  
 as in the said former settlement the greatest part of the Land  
 which belonged to them said Non-Father, at the time of his  
 Decease, was settled on the said Thomas Fringes the second son of  
 said Deceased, which of them said Dowor should be settled upon  
 It being thought inconvenient to settle said Dowor upon more than  
 one, the said Edward and Thomas Fringes, agreed to refer the Case  
 to Arbitration which of them should have the preference the Dowor  
 to said Dowor, and the Arbitrators upon hearing the pleas and  
 allegations of both Parties, gave in their Determination in  
 favour of the Deceased son, to which they both Complied & Relied  
 by Appeal by their toward bearing Date the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February  
 Annoque Domini 1724/5. And I said Judge being of the opinion that  
 said Dowor ought not to be divided, do therefore settle all the  
 said Dowor upon the said Edward Fringes the eldest son of

\* The 20<sup>th</sup> Jan of 1724 Thomas Fringes