

this Deponent had with the said Gibbs as he believes was about three weeks ago, he heard the said Gibbs then express himself very inimical to the cause, altho' not with that degree of violence or rancour as he had first heard him express himself respecting the Congress.

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Sworn before Joseph Dashiell.

William Handy

N<sup>o</sup> 12

November 17<sup>th</sup> 1775.

The deposition of Barclay Townsend of lawfull age being called upon by the Committee of Worcester County deposeth and saith, that some little time since the rising of the last Convention of this province, this Deponant was inform'd, that some of the company that Benjamin Shockley had enrolled had desired him to attend at the house of the said Shockly for the purpose of exercising and instructing a number of people in the military exercise, that this Deponent accordingly attended and when he came after he came after he had exercised some of the people who were there; Shockley proposed to this Deponent that he would be their Captain, but upon this Deponent's refusal, also ask'd if he would be their Lieutenant which he also refused upon which said Shockly then told this Deponent he had come as a spy, he also asked this Depon' if he had seen their articles he said he had, he then asked him how he liked them, why he said he did not know, he found they were something like the Association or Articles of his company they were for the king and country, yes said Shockly but we are against Boston. that Shockly afterwards insisted upon this Deponents hearing the Articles read, and when they were read they all huzza'd for the King and pulled of their Hatts, this Deponent also cried Amen and said he cried huzza for their King, but as he did not pull of his hatt said Shockly seemed to be displeased and that this Deponent was under apprehensions he was unsafe in their company and immediately came off.

Sworn before Jos<sup>h</sup> Dashiell.

Bartley Townsend

N<sup>o</sup> 13

November the 18<sup>th</sup> 1775.

The deposition of Isaac Hammond of lawfull age being called upon by the Committee of Worcester County deposeth and saith that about four weeks ago he went to a certain Henry Parker's where he understood that a number of people were to assemble for the purpose of entering into an association contrary to the General Association of this Province and that he believes there might be thirty or forty people and that a certain article of agreement or association was handed about