

Robert Boyd of Queen Anns County complains that on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 1781 he was called into M<sup>r</sup> John Davidson's Store by Captain Trueman, who asked him in the presence of Major Steward if he saw him take a watch from a soldier. Boyd said he did not, but that he saw him have a Watch. Captain Trueman then struck him three Times with a Cane, Boyd went to his Barge lying at the Dock and then Capt Trueman drew up the Soldiers before the Barge and asked him to point out the Soldier that he took the watch from. Boyd told him he did not know the soldier for he did not see Capt Trueman take it. Capt Trueman Struck him several Times again and then James Ray the Lieut of the Barge interfered and many blows passed between Capt. Trueman and the Lieut<sup>t</sup> and after the affray and after the people belonging to the Barge who were concerned in the Affray had got on board of the Barge Major Steward came to the Barge and ordered the Complainant Ray and George Cox under Guard and Capt. Trueman with the Guard carried them to the Guard House and ordered them to be put in Irons and went away, Ray and Boyd were handcuffed together and Cox alone they remained in the Guard House handcuffed about half an Hour. Capt Trueman then had the handcuffs taken off of Boyd and carried him to M<sup>r</sup> Davidsons and asked him if he had seen him with a Watch, and he said he did. Capt Trueman after that carried him back to the Guard House and ordered him to strip. Boyd asked him if he was not to have a Treat first. Trueman damn'd him and told him no, he would whip him and ordered the Guard strip him and then he pulled of all his Cloaths but his shirt and then Trueman whipt him very severely with a Cow-skin. Capt. Trueman then discharged him and after that released Ray and Cox.

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By the last Accounts from Virginia the Enemy were moving Southwardly which indicates no immediate Intention of invading this State. We therefore countermand the marching Orders issued for the Troop of Horse of your County, and have no Doubt but they will exert themselves in getting every necessary Accoutrement and in perfecting themselves for the Field, as it is quite uncertain at what Hour their Services will be required.

[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.]

Ibid.

Complaints have been made to us by Thomas Grason commanding officer of the Barge Revenge that James Ray Robert Boyd and another Person belonging to the said Barge are confined in the Guard House by order of some of our Officers we therefore request Inquiry may be immediately made into the Cause of such extraordinary and unwarrantable Proceedings and that [the] Men [be] released from such Confinement