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M^r. John Abington of Prince Georges County being sent for appears at this Board and being shown the scandalous Seditious paper lately dispersed in the said County Declares he knows not the hand writing but has before been one of the same purport which he believed to be the hand writing of ^{Deat of the County} and being Interrogated what he knows of the said paper makes the following Deposition vizt.

" On Wednesday last was seven night coming from my Store at Rock Creek I
" met with John Allison about half a mile from the Ferry on Rock Creek Side,
" I askt him what news from Annapolis / understanding he came from Patuxent
" he told me he could not tell, but I might know if I would look on a note he
" spind up at the Ferry Landing on a Tree which he had found on the Road as
" he came a Long and was Desired to put it up there, with that I parted
" with him and had no more talk, this is what I know, and could Declare
" it on my Oath

" Sworn to the Truth of the above written Facts
" by M^r. John Abington, before the Governour
" & Council this 31. of October 1728 ^{Esq. Geo. Plator Esq.}

Philip Lee Esq. one of his Lordship's Provincial Justices lay before this Board the Deposition of Edward Harris of Queen Anns County taken before him & Col. Levin Gale one other of his Lordship's said Justices the Tenor of which is as follows vizt.

" The Deposition of Edward Harris of Queen Anns County Aged
" about twenty nine years being Sworn on the holy Evangelists
" of almighty God, before the Honble Philip Lee Esq. & Col. Levin
" Gale two of his Lordship's Justices of the Provincial Court and
" Interrogated Declares as follows vizt.

" This Deponant saith to the best of his knowledge on Tuesday Night 11
" of this Instant October he was going through George Nelsons P.