

he got ashore they came up with him, this deponent says, they c. s. c.  
then asked him from whence he came, and what he had in,  
his answer was they had Plank and Tar, they were from  
Potomack loaded in Hungar river and bound to Potomack  
again. Wheeland then asked this Deponent if he did not  
belong to the fleet; this Deponent ask'd what fleet? they  
answered, the English fleet, this deponant answered he did  
not, he then asked him, who he was for, either the Country or  
the King, this deponant told him he did not choose to inter-  
meddle with either side, he then asked him how many men he  
had on board, this deponant told him there was but one person  
besides himself, he then asked him, this deponant if he were  
a tory or not, he then told him he could not tell, the said  
Joseph Wheeland then told him he belonged to the English  
fleet and he must goe along with him, he then asked him if he  
was willing to stay with the fleet, he then told him the said  
Wheeland no, for he had a wife and children, and wanted to  
get home as soon as possable, the said Wheeland said he  
would not detain any person that had a family against their  
will, but if they had no family they should not goe, he then  
asked him for some victuals for he was very Hungry. He  
then ordered him to get in the Canoe with the Mulatto  
fellow Lazarus and goe up to the three Schooners that lay in  
the Creek, and tell some person to give him some victuals,  
and while he was giving orders there came two other persons  
in a Canoe with a Case of Gin & Rum and gave him a dram,  
he then got out of his Canoe and sent one of the other  
persons with him, and he the said Wheeland and one of the  
persons in the other Canoe proceeded on board Cap<sup>t</sup> Yell.  
We went some part of the way in the Canoe till they came to  
an anchor, they then took it in and ordered him to keep along  
shore, as this deponant was going along, he met with one of  
the Islanders and had some conversation with him till the said  
Joseph Wheeland came up with the said Capt Yell, and then  
took him aboard said canoe and carryd him the said deponant  
with the said Yell on board the Schooners that lay in the  
Creeks mouth afs'd in Smyth's Island, where there was like-  
wise a Sloop dismasted as they understood belonged to one  
White up Nanticoke and when they came aboard they saw  
about twenty persons sharing of plunder, and as they under-  
stood was all County born except one. This deponant with  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Yell requested the said Joseph Wheeland to goe on  
Shore, he told them they might, but that Yell must leave his  
Cloths on board, they then went on Shore and got some  
victuals at Richard Evans', after some time Marmaduke Mister  
and sundry persons came to the af'sd House and took supper,  
some time after supper Marmaduke Mister told this deponant