

unknown; the afs'd Joseph Wheland was as this Deponant C. S. C.  
understood esteemed the Commanding Officer of the said  
Vessels, and further sayeth not.

Sworn before Hugh Eccleston.

Joseph Mareman lives in St Marys County near Leonard  
Town on Britons Bay.

[Yell's Deposition.]

Original.

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Moses Yell being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty  
God deposeth and sayeth. That some time about the 15<sup>th</sup> of  
this Instant this deponent was going in a vessel to Potowmack  
River with Tar and plank but on seeing Dunmore's Fleet this  
Deponent returned and anchored under Smith's Island. About  
two or three hours after he had anchored Joseph Wheland  
with one other man unknown to the Deponent came on board  
the vessel this deponent was in, & Joseph Wheland asked this  
Deponent if he saw the Fleet, this Deponent answered he  
had seen the Fleet & returned in consequence of it. Joseph  
Wheland then ask'd this Deponent whence he came and  
where he was bound & who he was for, this Deponent  
answered he had not a design to kill any person but was a  
Friend to his Country. Joseph Wheland then asked this  
Deponent which he thought was right the King or the Shirt  
Men, this deponent answered he thought the Americans were  
right Joseph Wheland then told this Deponent he was for the  
Fleet, and had orders from Ld. Dunmore to take any vessels  
belonging to the Rebels and destroy such as he thought  
proper and carry the rest to the Fleet, the s<sup>d</sup> Wheland then  
demanded a sight of this Deponents papers which this Deponent  
gave him, the s<sup>d</sup> Wheland then took the papers, a pocket book  
about forty shillings cash and all the cloaths belonging to this  
Deponent that were in the vessel, except what he had on, and  
carried this Deponent together with the cloaths and money  
on board a Tender which he informed this Deponent he had  
the command of, and likewise the s<sup>d</sup> Wheland inform'd him  
he had the command of the other two vessels that were with  
the one, this Deponent was put on board of. This Deponent  
sayeth Joseph Wheland told him he had taken a vessel  
belonging to White in Nanticoke and that he Wheland  
intended to fit her out with four four pounders, and twelve  
swivels to guard the Islands and keep the Shirt Men from  
going on to abuse the Inhabitants, the af<sup>s</sup>d Wheland told him  
he must take out the mast from his Yell's vessel and put in  
the vessel he had taken from White which was then driven  
on ground and had lost her mast, but before he had got her