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Copies. so early and Robins said Benjamin Butler. this Deponent said he was early, Robins said he only came on an errand and was gone and said he was afraid the horses were in the field and went out hastily, upon which the said Pettitt told him if he would drive them up his horse would follow and then went to one of the Neighbours; when he came back said Robins was gone, he then ask'd M^{rs} Robins where her husband was, She was slow in answering 'till she sent the boys out and then told this deponent that her husband was gone to William Barclay Townsend's; that Levin Townsend had been on board the Man of War and brought powder and shot enough to his father and what they called Torys were all meeting in order to have it delivered as it would not be safe to keep it in one place and when they had divided the same they were to give the man of war notice and he was to send up to their assistance, that the matter might be put an end to in a short time, sometime between this and christmass.

Taken before John Selby.

Edward Pettitt

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November 15th 1775.

Mary Robins (wife of Josiah Robins) being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeseth and saith that on the 15th of November 1775, in the morning of the same day, Benjamin Butler came to the house of her said Husband and enquired whether there was person in his house except his family; her husband made answer that there was: upon which they went out and after some time, her husband came in, and told her that he was going to a certain William Barclay Townsend's; that a certain Levin Townsend had been down to Norfolk on board the Man of War and had brought up a quantity of ammuniton, and that all those who were for the King were to go down to the said W^m B. Townsend's, to get their share of the ammuniton, and that the said Levin Townsend had brought a paper from on board the said Man of War that they were to sign; and that the said Levin Townsend was to get out this day on his return to the man of War, and that if there was a sufficient number of signers to the afore-said paper they were to have assistance immediatcly from the said man of War.

The above deposition taken before John Selby.

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November 25th 1775.

Josiah Robins of lawfull age being called upon by the Committee of Worcester County, deposeseth and saith that on Wednesday morning the 15th of this Inst. some little time before