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dition with him, that this Deponent asked said Schockley what he wanted him to go for that Shockly told him he could not tell for what reasons that he had open'd it to him as far as he dar'd, that accordingly this Deponent went to the place aforesaid, with his gun, where he met with about fifty men chiefly armed with guns, that Josiah Ward met the Company at the Bridge and told them they were desired to go down to William B Townsend's, that some of the Company asked reid Ward on what account they were to go down that he told W^m B Townsend requested they would go down, for that he expected his House would be to be pulled down, and said informed them that Cap^t Schoolfields company were at M^r Townsend's, and that this Deponent saith that the said Ward informed them that the reason of the companies being called to said Townsend's was to protect him, which protection this Deponent supposes meant that he was to be defended if he should be sent for by the Committee, and this Deponent says that he proceeded no further than the bridge aforesaid but immediately returned home.

Taken before Joseph Dashiell.

Sam^l Parker.

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December 1st 1775.

Matthew Hopkins of lawful age being called on by the Committee of Worcester County, deposeth and saith, that agreeable to a summons issued by the Committee of Worcester, he this Depon^t waited on William Bartlet Townsend in order to serve the same, that when he saw M^r Townsend he told him he had a summons for him, from the Committee desiring his attention on that day, and said Townsend asked this Depon^t where this authority was, he replied in his pocket and Also saith that he took it out and gave it to M^{rs} Townsend who went to the door and gave it to a young man, who read it and said it was a summons; upon which said William Bartlet Townsend said well, tell them, damn them, I shan't wait on them; that he had waited on them once and that he should never do it again unless they wou'd take him dead and further said that he heard Hopewell and his gang were coming for him; and said damn them, let them come, that he was ready for them and this Depon^t further saith not.

Sworn before John Selby.

Matthew Hopkins

N^o 8

November the 25th 1775.

Philip Rain of lawfull age being sworn saith, that a conversation happened between him and Stanton Atkins and that said Atkins told him that he must make his will, and said