

Original
Copies. for the people to sign; the substance of which this deponent understood was that all those persons who sign'd the same bound themselves to stand together in behalf of their King & to oppose the measures of the Committee and to support each other and be in readiness in twenty four hours warning to rescue any one of their number who shou'd happen to be call'd before the Committee and to resist any attempts to apprehend or seize any of their said number, and that there was about 70 who had subscribed the same and that a certain Benjamin Shockley was principally active in handing about the said Association and encouraging the people to sign the same and advis'd them not to sign the general Association of the Province

Sworn before Joseph Dashiell.

Isaac Hammond.

N^o 14

November 18th 1775.

The Deposition of Nicholas Hamon of lawfull age being called on by the Committee of Worcester County deposeth and saith, that he lives in the neighbourhood where the article of agreement or association paper was circulated which is taken notice of in the deposition of Isaac Hammond and that they heard some of them were to be sent to Boston and they were determined not to go themselves or suffer any of their neighbours to go, if they could prevent it, that the Association paper or Article of agreement above alluded to was signed by Benjamin Shockly amongst a number of others.

Taken before Joseph Dashiell.

Nicholas Hamon.

N^o 15

November 18th 1775.

The Deposition of John Davis of lawfull age being called on by the Committee of Worcester County, deposeth and saith that about four weeks ago a certain Benjamin Shockly came to this Deponent's mill and they were talking of the provincial association, and that Shockly told this Deponent that if any person who had signed the same were sorry for what they had done, if they wou'd come to him, he wou'd clear them from it.

Taken before Joseph Dashiell

John Davis.

N^o 16

November 15th 1775.

The deposition of Smith Lingo of lawfull age being called on by the Committee, that about 3 or 4 weeks ago this Deponent was at the House of W^m Dykes where met with Benjamin Shockly and Shockly asked him if he was one of the damn'd