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Copies. on board, and that the said Levin Townsend told this Deponent that he always knew there was no salt there and accordingly put this Deponent with others under the Hatchway & immediately pushed off for Norfolk and on their arrival at Norfolk that the said Levin Townsend and Isaac Coston went on board of Lord Dunmore's Ship, and from their return from board said ship, said Levin Townsend asked this Deponent and some others if they were willing to serve under Lord Dunmore, that if they would, they should have a suit of regimentals, a guinea and a crown entrance, with their standing pay, but that Cornelius Dickerson objected to staying, and that this Deponent said he would choose to return home, and said Levin Townsend said he could not return, till he had taken an oath, which oath this Deponent saith was administered to him in Norfolk, by a magistrate in the Courthouse, the contents of which this Deponent cant well remember, that he heard Levin Townsend say he was maning out a Tender to cruise up and down the Bay and that he shou'd be in a very short time up Pocomoke river and that he intended to try and take the Committee of Worcester County out of their beds in the dead of night and carry them on board his vessell and then proceed as soon as possible with them down to Lord Dunmore and that this Deponent heard said Levin Townsend tell some of the company to look out sharply, that he shou'd be along in a very short time and this deponent further sayeth that William B. Townsend recommended it to him to enlist under the Governor and said that he never would do any thing better for himself, and that this Deponent heard the said W^m Barkley Townsend say he was determined to have revenge of the said Committee because they looked upon him as a Tory and that he was very sorry for Isaac Atkinson and wished he had it in his power to get revenge and further this Deponent sayeth not.

Sworn before Joseph Dashiell.

Barkley White.

December 1st 1775.

Hugh Vestry being called on by the Committee of Worcester County deposeth and saith that he was sent for by William B. Townsend, that this Deponent went and carried a gun and when he came to said W^m B. Townsend's said Townsend asked this deponent if he did not want salt if he did that he might have enough down at the Mud Banks very cheap, upon which this Deponent agreed to go, and that he set out with sundry others down to the mouth of the river, finding there was no vessell there with salt agreeable to what Townsend told him, he asked said Townsend where the salt was, the said Townsend turned it off with a laugh and