

when they were off Merumsico this Deponent with Thomas Cluff and William Willis were very desirous to return home, but Levin Townsend told them they had better not, for they most certainly wou'd be hanged if they did return and advised them to go down to Norfolk and inlist under Lord Dunmore as Soldiers and when they were at Merumsico af<sup>d</sup> said Levin Townsend with others went on shore where they killed a beef and brought on board uncleaned and said they bought it and immediately pulled the boat on deck and order'd this Deponent with sundry others under the Deck and shut the hatchway on them and immediately proceeded for Norfolk and on the arrival at said place the said Levin Townsend and Isaac Coston went on board said Lord Dunmore's ship and after they returned said Levin Townsend asked this Deponent and others if they wou'd inlist under Lord Dunmore, that if they wou'd they should have a suit of regimentals, a guinea and a crown at entrance, with the gun and bayonet and standing pay, to which proposal this deponent objected, and said he would return home, said Levin Townsend replied that he wou'd not return home 'till he took a certain oath, which oath was administered to this deponent by a person who he understood was a Colonel and that the tenor of said oath as well as this Deponent can recollect was to bear faith and true allegiance to his Majesty and to abjure all authority of the General Congress &<sup>c</sup> and this deponent further saith that he heard said Levin Townsend say he was fitting out a Tender to cruise up and down the bay in order to take prizes and that Isaac Coston was to be his Lieutenant and that said Levin Townsend said he shou'd be in a short time up Pocomoke river where he intended to lay his vessell against the Cypresses & and then seize the Committee of Worcester in the night whilst they were asleep and convey them down to Dunmore as speedily as possible, & further saith that on their return he heard Cornelius Dickerson say at Accomack County that if he had thought he wou'd have been taken up he most certainly never would have left Boston's vessel with whom he went to Norfolk and further saith that Levin Townsend press<sup>d</sup> him this Depon<sup>t</sup> pressed him this deponent to meet and join him when he came into Pocomoke, also saith that he saw W<sup>m</sup> B. Townsend and Thomas Moore talking very much in private whilst the said Townsend was in Worcester and that said W<sup>m</sup> B. Townsend advised him whilst in Norfolk to inlist in Lord Dunmore's service and that he this Deponent heard Levin Townsend say he expected a large number of men to join him on his return in Annamessick and that Thomas Moore af<sup>d</sup> went down to Tinley's landing, from which place this Depon<sup>t</sup> embarked and where they parted and that Thomas

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