

Original Moore wished them well and said he hoped in a short time to
Copies. see them return safe.

Sworn before Joseph Dashiell.

Hugh Vestery.

December 1st 1775.

Solomon Butler of lawfull age being sworn deposeth and saith that Levin Townsend sent for this Deponent by Hugh Vestry that he wanted to see him and talk with him, that he went on the Tuesday evening before Townsend went away, that he this Deponent was sworn to secrecy, and Townsend told him he wanted him to go down to the mouth of the river for that there was plenty of salt there very cheap and that this Deponent accordingly agreed to go and went home next morning to get his cloaths and by Levin Townsend's direction carried his gun, Townsend telling him there was plenty of fowl at the mouth of the river, that he accordingly embarked with Townsend and his company and that in their way down the river they took possession of Daniel Boston's vessell, that they then proceeded to the mouth of the river, when they arrived there and found there was no salt, this deponent with some others expressed great uneasiness and were desirous of returning, that Levin Townsend and his father and sundry others laughed at them and told them they must go further for the salt, and immediately took their boat on board, and secured all who appeared desirous to return, under the hatches, that when they arrived at Norfolk Levin Townsend and Isaac Coston went on board the man of war, and on their return to their company solicited them strongly to enlist under Lord Dunmore and told them they should have a guinea and a crown advance, and standing pay allow'd them with a suit of regimentals a gun and bayonet &c that this deponent and several others refused to enlist, that he heard Levin Townsend say that he intended to fit out a tender to cruize in the bay and take all the prizes they could and then to proceed up Pocomoke River to take the Committee of Worcester County prisoners and carry them to Lord Dunmore, and that Isaac Coston, William Dickerson, Benjamin Selby, Francis Britt, Joseph Gray Taylor, Levi Townsend, Elias Townsend, Zadock Townsend and Josiah Ward approved highly of Townsend's scheme and were determined to join him in it, that Townsend repeatedly expressed a confidence of being joined by a large number of people on his return home, that Thomas Moore was at old Townsend's the day the Company set off, and went with them to the landing where he wished them well and told them he expected to see them again in a short time, that Moore likewise met them at the Ferry down the river and had conversation with some of the