

Depon^t further saith that the aforesaid Levin Townsend came with an officer who administered an oath to him, the contents of which this Deponent can't particularly recollect; and further saith that the said Levin Townsend was fitting out a small vessel for a tender and that said Levin Townsend told this Deponent that he intended to come up Pocomoke River in the Tender aforesaid, and that a certain Edmond Scarborough of Virginia was to go to Pocomoke with as an assistant and that the said Levin Townsend said that after he took a cruize or two up the bay in order to make some prizes, he shou'd lay his vessell against the Cypresses in Pocomoke river & that he wou'd then seize the Committee of Worcester County whilst they were asleep in their beds and convey them on board his vessel and then proceed down to the Governour as quick as possible, and this Depon^t further saith that when Levin Townsend was insisting on him to inlist under Governour Dunmore, William Bartlet Townsend press'd this Depon^t to do it, and told him (this Depon^t) that he cou'd not any thing that was better for him and very strongly recommended it to him and the said William B. Townsend further told this Deponent he should come up Pocomoke river in the tender with his son Levin, and this Depon^t further saith that the said Levin Townsend desired this Depon^t and the others that returned with him to keep a look out on the Annamessix shore for his return to assist the said Levin in his scheme: and further saith not.

Original
Copies

his
Thomas + Cluff
mark

The above oath taken before Joseph Dashiell.

[Robins to Townsend.]

Original.

Sept 12th 1776.

Sir. Upon request of your wife I was this day going to a magistrate, to give my deposition, respecting your case; but am informed the Magistrate will not take it, but refers me to the committee, and time will not permit the calling, and my going before the Committee for that purpose at this time.

I am informed that you charge my oath against you, as the principal cause of your preasent troubles. This is to assure you that I never to my knowledge swore an oath against you that could in my opinion injure you was it fairly laid before the Hon^{ble} Convention, nor indeed could I with truth. I cannot now charge my memory what the several questions were that was asked me about you in Committee, or what my particular Ans^{rs}, if I said any thing that was construed to shew, that you intended to go on board any of the fleet under com-