

c. s. c. unwell returned into the house, but saw them carry several baggs away.

The Deponent further saith that in about half an hour his wife came into the house and brought a tally board which she said she kept to know what they carried away, and imediatly after came in Jere. Colston with his followers and offered to pay for the salt, which the Deponent refused to take still alledging as at first that he could not dispose of the salt, but they counted the money among them and laid it upon the table, and the Deponent did then count it and after they were gone he put it away. The Deponent saith that by his wife's tally they took $17\frac{1}{2}$ bushels of salt, and they left with him 35 dollars in paper money.

Sworn to this 30th day of December 1776, before
William Hayward.

James Larey of Caroline County confesseth that on Friday evening last one John Bush came to the house of John Cooper and got a horse from Cooper as he was informed and that Bush asked Cooper if he would send after salt and that Cooper agreed to send, and asked him if he would go, and that he agreed to go, that about three hours after moon up, a company collected and called for him (Larey) upon which he join'd them that there were in the Company, Jere. Colston, James Dwiggins, Solomon Eagle, James Smith son of Michael, Thomas Curtis, Nathan Wheatly, David Morgin, Thomas Cooper, Aaron Cooper, Levin Martingale, Samuel Martingale, John Cheesly, Daniel Bayner, James Hix son of James, John Bush and John Russum all of the County aforesaid, That Colston, Dwiggins, James Smith, Samuel Martingale, Nathan Wheatly, James Hicks and Aaron Cooper had guns, that Colston as he understood was the first proposer of the scheme, and had the command of the Company, that in a little time after he join'd the Company, they marched down and when opposite M^{rs} Nicols's in Talbot County, they turn'd out of the road and marched through the woods by a path that leads to another road, and then proceeded down to where M^r Milward lives, when several of the Company went up to the house, but he (Larey) stayed a little while with his beasts and then also went up to the house, when he heard Colson ask M^r Milward if there was any salt there for sale, to which M^r Milward answered that the salt that was there was not his, nor had he orders to sell any, that Colson then asked who kept the key of the house, and M^r Milward answered that it was kept by his wife, upon which several of the Company walked into the Dwelling house, but as he did not go in knows not what conversation happen'd there, that in a little time after they went