

Tuesday July 16th 1776. The Committee met. Were present, Thomas Bruff, Thomas Hayward, William Waters George Waters, John Jones, Daniel Dashiell, James Bounds and Peter Waters. Thomas Bruff in the Chair.

James Layfield appeared before the Committee. The Committee adjourned until to morrow morning. Wednesday July 17th 1776. The Committee met according to adjournment, all members present as on yesterday except Thomas Hayward.

James Layfield appeared. David M^cDonald and Sarah M^cDonald also appeared. The committee proceeded to examine the Witnesses. they depose as follows:

David M^cDonald Sen of lawful age being duly sworn depose and saith that some time in June last that James Layfield came to this Deponent's house and said that if he had help that he would have taken the ammunition that Lazarus Maddux had a carrying down to the guard, and if he the said Layfield had been a going down to Dunmore he would have tied the said Maddux and put him in his canoe and carried him to Dunmore. this deponent saith that he has several times before this heard Layfield say that he would not muster and that if he would get persons to join him he would stand in opposition to mustering and would not muster for any person and further saith not.

Sworn before
Peter Waters.

Sarah M^cDonald of lawful age being sworn depose and saith that some time in June last that James Layfield came to her fathers (David M^cDonald) in company with John Redden and Lazarus Maddux, Layfield and Redden came into the House, Maddox went to tie his horse, Layfield asked this deponent where her husband was and desired this deponent to tell her Husband to come out to him, she answered that he was not at home, this deponent saith that some little time afterwards that Maddux went of to the guard that were at Jerico. Layfield and Redden came up to the door. Layfield told this deponent what he wanted with her husband was that if he had been at home and was as willing as he was he would tie Maddux put him in a Canoe and carry him and his ammunition on board of Dunmore for it was a bargain they had made as they came along to do so and further saith not.

True Copy from the minutes.
John Dashiell Clk.