

Lib. R. Then was called to the board George Godfrey under the custody of Major William Boareman high Sheriff of St Maries County

Who being charged with haveing endeavoured to raise a mutiny amongst the people by his seditious Speeches and actions stedfastly Denies what was alledged against him whereupon were read to him these following Depositions viz

The Deposition of William Boyden aged Eight and ffourty yeares or thereabouts touching the meeteing and sedition in Charles County saieth

That he came to the house of George Godfrey on Thursday the fourteenth of July last that then and there he found George Godfrey and about tenn men more, that the said Godfrey discoursed about goeing downe with those men in armes to rescue Cap^t Josias ffendall who they said was prisoner out upon bayle, that he the said Boyden disswaded the said Godfrey and the rest from goeing downe to rescue the said ffendall, telling them that possibly the report was false of ffendalls Imprisonm^t and told them he would goe downe to M^{rs} ffendall and see whither the Report were true or noe, Whereupon the said Godfrey bid him the said Boyden tell Cap^t ffendall if he did see him that he the said Godfrey would come downe to him the said ffendall on Monday or Tuesday following with the troope to which he the said Godfrey was Lievetenant and as many men more. And Declareth further that Godfrey did conceive ffendall was out of prison upon baile, and that therefore he Offered to come downe to him the said ffendall with his troope to the intent ffendall should head them as he beleived, And he further saieth that at his returne to Godfrey he gave him to understand that ffendall was prisoner but not bayled, Whereupon Godfrey said he would goe to Church next Sunday, and gett what men he could there to joyne with those men he had already sent for to meete him in armes at Church that soe they might meete the troope at the head of

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