

L. H. J. William Pearson says that Cooper asked him to go with him to which he agreed and that he had got Provisions. That he went to the Water Side but not finding Cooper there he returned. John Murphy says That being much in Debt in fear of being arrested he had Thoughts of running away that he discoursed Cooper about it and that Stimpson was privy to their Intentions.

William Cooper declares that he had agreed to run away with Peacock, Afterwards Hickcock and Pearson agreed to go with them after that John Keyton who asked them if he and Stimpson designed to go a Privateering whereto he answered he knew not but if he would come to Town a Parcel of them had agreed to go together. Says Stimpson did not agree to go with them though he discoursed several Times about it That Peacock and Hickcock agreed to take Bruff's Boat, and if that were not sufficient to take M^r Jones Shallop and go to the Capes of North Carolina Says he saw Wells, Stimpson and the Privateer at Smither's That he went thither but was not suffered to come into their Company That Stimpson desired him to go Home and Stimpson stayed drinking with them all Night Says Richard Williams knew their Intent and discoursed several Times in the Old Field about it Stimpson told him that Clarke designed to be up in a little Time and blow up the Town and that he and the Privateer that carryed off Wells would buy a Sloop and come and play some Prank here and then go to Privateering they would fit out of North Carolina Since Friday Morning he said he believed Daniel Wells was gone to Clarke says John Murphy was much indebted, designed to run away, sold some of his Goods, raised four or five Pounds, got Biscuit, Meat and two Gallons of Rum for the Voyage.

Then M^r William Bladen withdrew and M^r Levin Denwood was called in

Who solemnly declared that John Tunston brought in some Servants which he sold in Somerset County that they had Caballs together wherein they proposed and designed to run away with M^r Gale's Sloop and a Woman Servant belonging to Nehemiah Covington discovered it to her Mistress as also two other Servants of his That Philip Covington's Servant had been run away three weeks and concealed by them in a Loft and that they fetcht him from thence That they had a Design to go to the Southward, and that the Day he came from Home they were apprehend with Design to be carryed before a Magistrate.

Then M^r Denwood withdrew and M^r George Gale called in who declared That he was informed by M^r Nehemiah Covington that Servants to the Number of nine whereof were six