

down to Annapolis but that they dispersed on expresses being sent them of the Designs being dropped. Lib. J. R.
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Sworn before the Governor
and Council 9th December 1766.

Ar^t Charlton.

Thomas Hynes Deposeth and saith, that he was present, at Ralph Matson's House, when the Constable of Linton Hundred brought the Child of Catharine Wheate and gave it to Cap^t Shelby who delivered it to William Hynes, who Joined in a recognizance with the Deponent Security in a £100 to keep the Child from being a burthen on the County, and that he did not hear Cap^t Shelby make use of any threatening Expressions against Conrod Wheat, or say any thing about burning the said Wheat's House. That he never heard, that Thomas Brooks and Joseph Flint offered to become security on the part of Catharine Wheat, or that Cap^t Shelby refused to accept them as such. He further saith that he never gave any Note nor paid or assumed to pay to Cap^t Shelby any Money for Catharine Wheat's fine, nor does he believe that any Warrant was issued by the said Cap^t Shelby against Catharine Wheat on that Account. He further saith that on the last Evening of the Old year 1765 at the House of M^r Joseph Warford after drinking pretty freely in a Numerous Company, M^{rs} Warford proposed that Cap^t Shelby should Marry this Deponent to Catharine Wheate and the rest of the Company approving much of the proposal and having got them together Joined their Hands when Cap^t Shelby asked each of them separately whether they were satisfied, and on their Signifying their Willingness he declared them to be Man and Wife, but that he heard nothing of his making use of any such Expressions as "Jump Dog, Leap Bitch and I'll be damned if all the Men on Earth can un Marry you" that he knows nothing nor ever heard of M^{rs} Warford's having received five Shillings for the use of her bed that Night, and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn to this 9th of Dec^r 1766
before me.

Tho^s Hynes.

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At a Council held at the Governor's on Wednesday the 24th p. 442
day of December in the sixteenth year of his Lordship's Do-
minion Anno Domini 1766.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The hon^{ble} Benjamin Tasker, Benedict Calvert, and John
Ridout Esq^{rs}