

of the County sent to him desired him to
 bring a Coy of men with him which he did
 and found Mr. Bruff and his wife & Mr.
 Arrell and his wife there and the people
 seemed much afraid. Major Wilson desired
 him to take the Boat and go over to Mr.
 Joseph Hills plantation and know the
 meaning of the Guns being fired which
 he did and found Mr. Hill very drunk to whom
 he told the Sheriff had sent him to know the
 meaning of several Guns fired there which
 had alarmed the Towne. Mr. Hill answered
 they were merry here been drinking and
 fired them for their pleasure and what was
 it to any body he would fire more against
 which the said Doctor dissuaded him never-
 theless the said Hill opened a Trunk & took
 out two pistols and as this Declarant
 believes fired them off for that this Declarant
 heard the report of two pistols or other fire
 arms immediately after.

Whereupon his Excellency and the Board
 resenting Mr. Joseph Hills presumptuous beha-
 -viour in firing so many Guns in the
 night whereby his Excellency the Governour
 all the Inhabitants of this Towne were
 alarmed and the Sheriff obliged to send
 a Boat and hands to know the reason
 and notwithstanding that the said Hill
 was advised by Mr. Thomas Doyles sent
 to him by the Sheriff to desist firing any
 more, he would not take any notice there