

George I think myself under a veritable Oblige
 to maintain the Character of a Conspirator in regard to re-
 send to the utmost all the Points that are heard to it / must
 the upony before your deposition concerning myself taken
 at the House of Mr Thomas Boutley near two years ago &
 concealed from me till last February / when by Accident
 I found it out by which it will appear how most Gravelly
 I have been treated by that Gentleman. In the first place
 I do declare I do not remember any thing that is set forth
 in the deposition and it will plainly appear by Johnsons
 Copy Mr Boutley did write the beginning and the pro-
 :bate of it and it was contrived that it should be taken
 in such a manner that the Judges before whom it was
 taken I know not the Contents what use Mr Boutley
 has made of it. I cannot conceive but it is a most Barba-
 :rous and unheard of proceeding for any person not to
 have the Liberty of knowing what is sworn against him
 and much more so from a Punditioner in the Courts of
 Maryland against his Governor for my part I do not
 think myself safe and I may very well expect by this
 unaccountable proceeding the next thing that is sworn
 secretly against me will be Treason therefore Gentlemen
 I desire your Advice in this Case and that you will
 inform me what power I have to take notice of this
 Proceeding

The Deposition above mentioned follows in these
 words

Thomas Johnson Esq. Thirty Six Years or thereabouts
 being Sworn on the Holy Evangelist deposes that during
 the time of sitting of the high Court of Appeals to wit