

A Council held at the City of Annapolis on the 29th Day of November 1756.

Present

His Excellency Thomas Sharpe Esquire Governour!

Benjamin Tusher Esquire } Colonel Benjamin Tusher
the Honourable } Col. Charles Hammond } Benedict Calvert Esq.

Stephen Bradley Esquire his Lordships Attorney General was then sent for by order of the Board, and attended accordingly.

The Sheriff of Baltimore County having made a Return of the Warrant directed to him from this Board the 13th Instant, and the Persons therein named being called in one after the other four of them were examined on Oath, and deposed as follows:

John Cretin of Baltimore County Planter being sworn on the holy Evangel of Almighty God doth and saith that he has lived at New Creek in Baltimore County within four Miles of Mr. Squatters Wharves ever since the Year 1752, that he is a Roman Catholic, and has gone to the Mays House where Bennett Neale resides, that the said Neale lives upon a plantation that was given by one Thomas Shea, that he has three or four Negroes, as he believes working upon it, and that Mr. Neale has resided 6 or 7 Years there, this Deponent likewise saith that he doth not remember any thing either of one Johnson or Murphy as residing in that Neighbourhood during the aforesaid time except one Johnson a Wheelwright who lives there now, this Deponent further saith that he knows James M. Donald Thomas Burger, and Darby Tool, that Mr. Donald is a poor Man has no Family but himself and Wife, that he has only a little Hut, and does Shoemakers Work for Samuel Webb, and he believes never made any Cop, either of Iron or Steels, that Thomas Burger has a Wife, and several small Children but no Negroes or Servants, that he has a small plantation but is very poor, that Darby Tool is a Shoemaker and works at his Trade for Samuel Webb, that he has a wooden Leg, and that the Shoemakers Business is his chief Employment, that Burger, Tool & Mr. Donald live in the Forest and are very near Neighbours, he likewise saith that the Person now shown to him he doth not know to be either Johnson or Murphy, this Deponent also saith that Mr. Bennett Neale never told him nor did he ever hear any other Person say that one Mr. Diggers who lived near South or any other Mr. Diggers had Arms or Ammunition by him and would be of Service if the French should come down, or that Mr. Diggers would furnish any Person with Arms or Ammunition to assist the French, or for any such Purpose, and he likewise says that he never heard any one say that Ulrich

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