

but once, and only for a short space of time; This Dependent further says that he never had any conversation with Mr. Meale, or was ever in his Company before he was taken into custody, and he likewise declares that he never heard any person say that one Mr. Digger who lived near York, or any other Mr. Digger had Arms or Ammunition by him to assist the French if they should come down, or that one Ulrich Burk, or any other Burk would do all that lay in his power, towards furnishing any persons with Arms and Ammunition to assist the French.

James M^r Donald.

Sworn to this 30th day of Nov: 1756

Mr. Bennet Meale, Mr. Ignatius Wheeler, and Mr. Ulrich Burk were asked if they knew William Johnson, and he being produced to them they all declared they did not, and the said Johnson being likewise asked if he knew the before mentioned Gentlemen who were shown to him he said he knew neither of them. His Excellency then asked the prisoner wherefore he had so imposed on him, and accused persons that he did not even know and said if you are really that Marshall that these evidences declare you are, you may as well acknowledge it otherwise I shall send for and confront you with your Wife, Ferrard, and the other persons, that according to these Witnesses Account you were conversant with, and lived among in Baltimore County, the prisoner thereupon had down his Head a few Moments, and then said I am sorry I have acted so foolishly and imposed on your Excellency, but if you please to hear me I will now declare the Truth, and then he proceeded as follows.

The Recantation and Confession of William Marshall also Johnson, made before his Excellency and the Council the 29th November 1756.

My real Name is William Marshall and not Johnson, I was indeed born as I have been told near Marcus Hook in the Province of Pennsylvania, but of Protestant Parents, and I have also been brought up in that Religion. I have been informed that when I was very young my Parents removed from Pennsylvania into Baltimore County, and rented a small plantation in Gunpowder Neck about a Year after such their Removal my Father died and the next Winter my Mother left that part of the Country, and going up into the Forest became a House-keeper to one William Rice a Widower, her Family at that time consisted of three Daughters, and myself, one of my Sisters

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