

Samuel Barrett of Cumberland Valley in Cumberland County in the Province of Pennsylvania, being sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God Oaths and Faith That on the Twenty fourth day of January last past this Deponent being informed that the body of an Indian had been found by one Edward Ashin, near the high Road leading from Fort Cumberland to Fort Bedford, he this Deponent collected together upwards of twenty of his Neighbours, among whom was a certain Samuel Jacobs, and went with them to view and bury the body of the said Indian. That upon inspecting the said body, he found that the said Indian had been shot with a Bullet thro' his body the Ball appearing to have entered in at his Breast a little above the Pit of his Stomach, and to have come out between his Shoulders, That the head was scalped and his belly and Breast ripped open. That he this Deponent was informed after he first heard of the said Indians being murdered by his Servant Man Samuel Lyon that on the eleventh day of the same Month of January he saw the said Indian pass along the high Road and conversed with him about half a Mile from the place where his body was found, and that the aforesaid Samuel Jacobs had crossed the said Road with a Gun in his hand a few Minutes after the Indian had left the said Samuel Lyon, and further that within a Quarter of an hour afterwards he the said Samuel Lyon had heard the Report of a Gun about the place where the said Indian was killed, from whence this Deponent suspected that the said Samuel Jacobs had been concerned in the said Indians Murder. This Deponent further saith that he informed his Neighbours as they stood round the said Indians body that he had heard it asserted, that if a Murderer touched the Dead body of the Person he had slain, the veins of the Lungs would bleed, and therefore he proposed to them to try the Experiment and by that Method they would either acquit themselves of all Suspicion of having killed the said Indian or if any Person then present had really killed him he would be discovered and his Guilt be made Evident to that purpose. That this proposal being generally agreed to, he this Deponent and all the Rest of the Company except the aforesaid Samuel Jacobs very ready touched alternately the said Indians body, but the said Samuel made some hesitation when it came to his turn, and his countenance changed and he appeared confused, but at last on the Impetuosity of the Company, touched the said body. That this Behaviour of the said Samuel induced the Company to suspect and charge the said Jacobs with the killing the said Indian, but he absolutely denied it. That after they had buried the said Indian, this Deponent was informed by one of the Company whose name is Thomas Elby that in some conversation with the said Jacobs, the said Elby persuading him to discover where the said Indians Gun was, the said Jacobs had denied that he knew any thing about the said Gun, but told the said Elby that the Night before he had dreamt that it was hid under a log about two hundred Yards from the Main Road near a Run of Water which crossed the said Road. That on this information this Deponent took one Thomas Jones with him and left the Company with an intent to search for the Gun, at the Place described which he was well acquainted with, and after they had taken a Circuit a different way in the Woods to conceal from the said Jacobs and the rest of the Company what their real design was, he this Deponent and the said Thomas Jones went down to the before mentioned Run, and found the said Indians Gun his Powder and shot Lagg lying under a log about two hundred Yards from the Road aforesaid. That they thereupon were confirmed in their former Suspicions that the said Jacobs was the Murderer of the said Indian and immediately returned to the said Company with an Intent to apprehend and carry