

into the Country to collect the Inhabitants, several of whom came to Town next day but that on Reflection, they were ashamed of what was done and dispersed, he believes there might be upwards of an Hundred Men assembled in M<sup>r</sup> Charltons House and in the Street about the Door next day but that he was most of the time in the House and did not take Notice of any of them being there. That he has been acquainted with Cap<sup>t</sup> Shelby and does not know that he is anyway remarkable or Notorious for Swearing or breaking the Peace but that in his Cups, which happens but seldom to his Knowledge he will act as other People in such Circumstances usually do.

Sworn before the Governor and Council 9<sup>th</sup> December 1766.

John Cary

Arthur Charlton being Sworn and examined concurs with John Cary in the above Deposition and saith further that the Meeting at his House was on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1765 and that he heard that Cap<sup>t</sup> Shelby passed thro a part of the Town in a private manner about that time lest the Sheriff should meet with him he further saith that he understood that a great Number of People were assembled on the Roads, in Order to Join the Inhabitants of Frederick Town in their way down to Annapolis but that they dispersed on expresses being sent them of the Designs being dropped.

Sworn before the Governor and Council 9<sup>th</sup> December 1766.

A<sup>r</sup> Charlton.

Thomas Hynes Deposeth and saith that he was present at Ralph Matsons House, when the Constable of Linton Hundred brought the Child of Catharine Wheat and gave it to Cap<sup>t</sup> Shelby, who delivered it to William Hynes, who being in a recognizance with the Depo<sup>n</sup>ent Security in a Li to keep the Child from being a burthen on the County, and that he did not hear Cap<sup>t</sup> Shelby make use of any threatening Expressions against Conrod Wheat, or say any thing about burning the said Wheat House. That he never heard, that Thomas Brooks and Joseph Flint offered to become security on the part of Catharine Wheat, or that Cap<sup>t</sup> Shelby refused to accept them as such. He further saith that he never gave any Note nor paid or assumed to pay to Cap<sup>t</sup> Shelby any Money for Catharine Wheat fine, nor does he believe that any Warrant was issued by the said Cap<sup>t</sup> Shelby against Catharine Wheat on that account. He further saith that on the last Evening of the Old Year 1765 at the House of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Warford after drinking pretty freely in a Numerous Company, M<sup>r</sup> Warford proposed that Cap<sup>t</sup> Shelby should Marry this Depo<sup>n</sup>ent to Catharine Wheat and the rest of the Company approving much of the proposal and having got them together joined their Hands when Cap<sup>t</sup> Shelby asked each of them seperately whether they were satisfied, and on their Signifying their Willingness he declared them to be Man and Wife, but that he heard nothing of his making use of any such Expressions as Jump Dog, Leap Bitch and I'll be damned if all the Men on Earth can un-Marry you. That he had nothing nor ever heard of M<sup>r</sup> Warfords having received five Shillings for the use of her bed that Night and further this Depo<sup>n</sup>ent saith not.

Sworn to this 9<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1766  
before me. — *W. Scott*

Thos. Hynes