

*Annapolis, 23d December, 1808.*

Then appeared before me the subscriber, one of the associate judges for the third judicial district of Maryland, John Muir, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the foregoing answers to the interrogatories put to him by the committee of the house of delegates, contain the truth, to the best of his recollection and belief.

RICHARD H. HARWOOD.

(D.)

JAMES BOYLE, Esquire, being duly sworn, deposeth, that he remembers the conversation which took place between him and Washington Tuck, alluded to by Mr. Tuck. The conversation was in the month of April he believes: That Mr. Tuck requested him to offer for the city of Annapolis as a delegate. He remembers another conversation which took place during the session of the last general assembly, in which Washington Tuck requested him to continue in the city of Annapolis, and abandon the intention of going to Kentucky; that if he, (Mr. Boyle,) would do so, he (Tuck,) believed he would be elected in opposition to Mr. Shaaff; that Mr. Tuck appeared then very desirous of opposing Mr. Shaaff. He further recollects many conversations between himself and Mr. Tuck, in which Mr. Tuck appeared desirous of opposing the Federal ticket; and that when Mr. Tuck found, in the year 1807, that no republican would stand, he consented to uphold a federalist, in order to create a schism and prevent Mr. Shaaff from being elected. He further states, that Mr. Washington Tuck may have made use of expressions which might have been mistaken, because Mr. Tuck is of a quizzical disposition, and very often asserts, with a very serious countenance, political ideas, which may be supposed to be serious, when Mr. Tuck designs to quiz those with whom he is conversing. Once in particular, several years past, this deponent saith he heard Mr. Washington Tuck declare, after Mr. Tuck's coming out of the house of delegates, that he would no longer be a democrat, and assigned as a reason, that the democrats sent such fools to the house and the federalists such men of talents, that he believed the federalists must be right, as the wisdom of the state was federal: That this was said with so serious a face, and apparently with so much conviction of the truth, that almost any body would have believed Mr. Tuck to have been in earnest.

*(A true Copy from the Original. S. Lowdermilk, clk)*

(E.)

The answer of Thomas H. Bowie to the interrogatories proposed to him.

WHO deposeth and saith, That he was requested by Mr. Washington Tuck, previous to the last April term of Anne-Arundel county court, to join with Arthur Shaaff, Esquire, in prosecuting a suit which he and his brother, Mr. William Tuck, intended to commence against the state for the recovery of the balance which they alleged was due to them on their account for fitting up the hall of the lower house. Both of the Mr. Tucks complained to him, and spoke in the harshest terms of the conduct of the council in refusing to pay the full amount of their account, which they asserted was most just, and declared that they would never take one farthing less than what they claimed. In repeated conversations which this deponent had with them, they invariably spoke in the same terms of this affair. This deponent further saith, that previous to Alexander C. Magruder's offering as a candidate to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Arthur Shaaff, the then delegate from the city of Annapolis, he had himself intended to offer, (having understood that Mr. Shaaff would decline serving again,) to represent the city, and with this determination acquainted both the Mr. Tucks, who promised to support his election, Mr. Washington Tuck without reserve, Mr. William Tuck saying that he would, as no gentleman of his own political sentiments offered. As soon, however, as this deponent understood that Mr. Magruder would offer, he was determined not to oppose him, and with this determination of his acquainted Mr. Washington Tuck one or two evenings after, when that gentlemen asked him to say definitively whether he would offer or not. Mr. Washington Tuck then declared that he would support Mr. Magruder's election, as he was pledged to Mr. Muir to support him, (Mr. Magruder,) unless this deponent offered. This was sometime in the month of July, previous to the 20th. On the 6th of August several citizens of Annapolis met at Willigman's tavern, (amongst whom was Mr. Lewis Duvall,) and determined to support Mr. James Boyle in opposition to Mr. Magruder. The account of the Mess. Tucks was then, as this deponent believes, still unpaid in full. But this deponent knows that Mr. William Tuck had previous to this meeting pledged himself to support any candidate they should fix upon to run at the ensuing election against Mr. Magruder. After Mr. Boyle had been thus brought forward, he was generally styled "the Council candidate." This deponent further saith, that for sometime after Mr. Boyle declared himself a candidate it was his firm belief, grounded on what Mr. Washington Tuck had said to him, that that gentleman would support Mr. Magruder's election; and he was the more inclined to believe so, as he had understood from James Shaw, Esq. and Dr. William E. Pinkney, that he had declared to them that *he would oppose the council in their election unless his account was paid.* Sometime after this the account of the Mr. Tucks was paid, in pursuance of an order of the council, and Mr. Washington Tuck, at the election which ensued, voted for Mr. Boyle, as he himself told this deponent.

*Sworn to this 24th December, 1808, before*

JAMES SHAW, Recorder of the City of Annapolis.