

got there cheaper than it could be got at New Hill, that Butler told him the order they had, was to carry loaded guns, that this Depovent accordingly went to Townsend's, that when he got there he was carried up stairs, and shown to keep secret by Levin Townsend (son of Wm B Townsend), that on his being shown he asked said Townsend for what purpose it was, Townsend replied to keep secrecy that they were going for salt, this Depovent asked when they were going, Townsend replied it was no matter when, if you will go with us I will tell you. This depovent replied, he could not go, for that he could not leave home, that this Depovent then asked Levin Townsend what he would do if he bought salt and the people attempted to take it from him, that Townsend replied he should not commit him help, that this Depovent saw the above mentioned Levin Townsend at a desk as he supposed taking down the names of the people who were to go with him for the salt, and that the following persons were attending the said Townsend as this Depovent apprehended giving in their names for that purpose, to wit, William Dieberson, Benjamin Selby, Muma Moore, Thomas Cubb, Hugh besty and Colman Butler, and this depovent further saith that he has not seen any of those persons since the time above mentioned and supposes they are gone on the aforesaid designs.

Taken before Wm Selby.

Joshua Selby.

Nov 25th 1775.

William Townsend being called upon by the Committee of Worcester County, depoventh and saith that on Wednesday the 15th day of November it being the day before William B Townsend and company embarked, he was at William B Townsends house where he believed there might be 5 or 70 men, many of whom were armed, that Wm Barclay Townsend and son Levin told this Depovent that Levin Townsend was to procure a load of salt ready for them at Norfolk and asked this Depovent if he was willing to go along with them for it, that it was necessary to keep it a secret from the Committee and for that purpose Levin Townsend administered an oath of secrecy to this Depovent, that he believes the said oath was administered to numbers that were there that day, that the said William B Townsend said he wanted friends enough to attend him as might prevent the salt from being destroyed and this this Depovent further heard Levin Townsend say he was on board the Man of War at Norfolk, that he this Depovent has often heard the said Wm B Townsend say he would never submit to the measures of the Committee.

Taken before J Mitchell — William Townsend.

November 25th 1775.

Samuel Parker of lawful age being sworn on the holy Evangel of Almighty God depoventh and saith, that Benjamin Schockley met with this Depovent at Blue Truits about a fortnight ago; and requested him to meet Capt Schockleys company at Nasau Bridge and to carry his gun and ammunition with him, that this Depovent asked said Schockley what he wanted him to go for that Schockley told him he could not tell for what reason that he had opened it to him as far as he said, that accordingly this Depovent went to the place aforesaid, with his gun, where he met with about fifty