

men chiefly armed with guns, that Josiah Ward met the Company at the Bridge and told them they were obliged to go down to William B. Townsend's, that Barnes of the Company asked said Ward what account they were to go down, that he told Mr B. Townsend requested they must go down, for that he expected his horse would be pulled down, and said informed them that Capt. Schoolfield's Company were at Mr Townsend's, and that this Deponent said that the said Ward informed them that the reason of the conferees being called to said Townsend's was to protect him, which protection this Deponent supposed meant that he was to be defended if he should be sent before the Committee, and this Deponent says that he proceeded no further than the Bridge aforesaid but immediately returned home.

Taken before Joseph Dapkins

Samuel Barker.

December 14th 1775.

Matthew Hopkins, of Canby age being called and by the Committee of Worcester County, deposed and said, that appeared to a summons issued by the Committee of Worcester, he this deponent waited on Mr. Buellet Townsend in order to serve the same, that when he saw Mr. Townsend he told him he had a summons for him, from the Committee desiring his attention, that day, and said Townsend asked this Deponent where this authority was, he replied in his pocket and also said that he took it out and gave to Mr. Townsend who went to the door and gave it to a young man, who read it and said it was a summons; upon which said William Buellet Townsend said well, tell them, I am here, I shall wait on them; that he had waited on them once and that he should never wait again unless they would take him dead and further said that he and Hopewell and his gang were coming for him, and said damn them, let them come, that he was ready for them and this Deponent further said not.

Sworn before John Selby.

Matthew Hopkins

November the 25th 1775.

Philip Rains of Canby age being sworn said, that a conversation happened between him and Stanton Atkins and that said Atkins told him that he must make his will, and said Deponent asked said Atkins if he was about to die, said Atkins said he did not know for there was like to be a war and said Deponent asked him where and said Atkins replied with the people in the Country. This deponent asked him if he was down at Mr. Townsend's and said Atkins replied yes. This deponent also asked if he carried his gun with him and he replied yes and further told him there was about 70 guns at said Townsend's and at the same time; and this Deponent asked if his gun was loaded and he answered yes and this Deponent also asked what was the purpose of his going down there and said Atkins replied that it was to defend Mr. B. Townsend and the question being asked by this Deponent how it was he understood the said Townsend was to be defended against; said he believed it was against the proceedings of the Committee.

Taken before John Selby.

Philip Rains
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