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On Thursday night William B Townsend took Daniel Boston & his crew, it is reported that he has 17 armed men on board the sloop; they are about one mile below the mouth of the river upround in the mud banks Thursday evening, 18th November 1775. David Williams

The above letter was presented to the Committee of Worcester County November 19th 1775.

William Haudy of Canby age being called on by the Committee of Worcester County deposed and said that he had frequently conversed with Nathaniel Gibbs upon subject of the unhappy dispute now existing between Great Britain and the American Colonies, that the said Gibbs some time past fall, winter or spring he can't particularly recollect which, this Deponent bore the said Gibbs that the Congress he thought either ought or would lose their heads, and in case the ministerial troops were sent over here to lay their hands upon Congress that he the said Gibbs would be one of the first men who would join them but that he has heard the said Gibbs long since speak much in favour of the American Cause and at different times since he has heard Mr Gibbs speak against the Cause and condemn the conduct of those who were friends to the Cause, and that the latest conversation this Deponent had with the said Gibbs as he believes was about three weeks ago, he heard the said Gibbs then express himself very inimical, altho not with that degree of violence or rancour as he had first heard him express himself respecting the Congress.

I am before Noble Justice.

William Haudy

November 19th 1775.

The deposition of Barclay Townsend of Canby age being called upon by the Committee of Worcester County deposed and said, that some little time since the rising of the last insurrection of this province, this Deponent was inform'd, that some of the Army that Benjamin Shockley had enrolled had desired him to attend at the house of the said Shockley for the purpose of exercising and instructing a number of people in the military exercise that this Deponent accordingly attended and when he came after he came after he had exercised some of the people who were there, Shockley proposed to this Deponent that he would be their Captain, but upon this Deponent's refusal, also asked if he would be their Lieutenant which he also refused upon which said Shockley then told this Deponent he had come as a spy, he also asked this Deponent if he had seen their articles he said he had, he then asked him how he liked them, why he said he did not know, he found they were something like the Association or Articles of the Army they were for the King and Country, yes said Shockley but we are against Boston - that Shockley afterwards insisted upon this Deponent hearing the articles read, and when they were read they all huzzed for the King and pulled off their Hatts, this Deponent also cried Amen and said he would huzz for their King, but as he did not pull off his hat said

Shockley