

Shockley seemed to be displeased and that this defendant was in some apprehensions he was unable in their company and immediately came off.

Shown before Jos^{ts} Dashiell.

Barthley Townsend.

November 18th 1775.

The deposition of Isaac Hammond of Pembell age being called upon by the Committee of Worcester County, deponent and decess that about four weeks ago he went to a certain Henry Parker's where he understood that a number of people were to assemble for the purpose of entering into an association contrary to the General Association of this Province and that he believes there might be thirty or forty people and that a certain article of agreement or association was handed about for the people to sign, the substance of which this deponent understood was that all those persons who signed the same bound themselves to stand together in behalf of their King to oppose the measures of the Committee and to support each other and be in readiness in twenty four hours warning to rescue any one of their members who should happen to be called before the Committee and to resist any attempts to apprehend or seize any of their said members, and that there was about seventy who had subscribed the same and that a certain Benjamin Shockley was principally active in handing about the said Association and encouraging the people to sign the same and advising them not to sign the General Association of this Province.

Shown before Joseph Dashiell.

Isaac Hammond.

November 18th 1775.

The deposition of Nicholas Hamon of Pembell age being called on by the Committee of Worcester County, deponent and decess that he lives in the neighbourhood where the article of agreement or association paper was circulated which is taken notice of in the deposition of Isaac Hammond and that they heard some of them were to be sent to Boston and they were determined not to go themselves or suffer any of their neighbours to go, if they could prevent it, that the association paper or article of agreement above alluded to was signed by Benjamin Shockley amongst a number of others.

Taken before Joseph Dashiell.

Nicholas Hamon.

November 18th 1775.

The deposition of John Davis of Pembell age being called on by the Committee of Worcester County, deponent and decess that about four weeks ago a certain Benjamin Shockley came to this deponent's mill and they were talking of the Provincial Association, and that Shockley told this deponent that if any person who had signed the same were sorry for what they had done, if they would come to him, he would clear them from it.

Taken before Joseph Dashiell.

John Davis.

November 18th 1775.

The deposition of Smith Sings of Pembell age being called on by the Committee, that about four weeks ago this deponent was at the house of Mr. Dykes where met with Benjamin Shockley and Shockley asked him if he