

Townsend asked this Deponent and some others if they were willing to serve under Lord Dunmore, that if they would, they should have a suit of regimentals, a guinea and a crown entrance, with their standing pay, but that Cornelius Dickerson objected to staying, and that this Deponent said he would choose to return home, and said Lewis Townsend said he could not return, till he had taken an oath, which on the 11th Deponent said was administered to him in Norfolk, by a Magistrate in the Court House, the contents of which this Deponent can't well remember, that he heard Levin Townsend say, that he was as morning out a basket to cruise up and down the bay, and that he should be in a very short time at Poconoke River and that he intended to try and take the Committee of Worcester County out of their beds in the dead of night and carry them on board his vessel and then proceed as soon as possible with them down to New Brunswick and that this Deponent heard said Levin Townsend, tell some of the Company, to look out sharply, that he should be doing in a very short time and this Deponent further says that William B. Townsend recommended it to him to enlist under the Governor and said that he never would do any thing better for himself, and that this Deponent heard the said William Backley Townsend say he was determined to leave the range of the said Committee because they looked upon him as a spy and that he was very sorry for James Atkinson and wished he had it in his power to get revenge and further this Deponent said that

Known before Joseph D. as well. Backley libite.
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Hugh Bertry being called on by the Committee of Worcester County deponent and said that he was sent for by William B. Townsend, that this Deponent went and carried a gun and when he came to said W^m B. Townsend said Townsend asked this Deponent if he did not want salt if he did that he might have enough done at the mud banks very cheap, upon which this Deponent agreed to go, and that he set out with Sunday others down to the mouth of the river, finding there was no relief there, he asked what Townsend told him, he asked said Townsend where the salt was, the said Townsend turned it off with a laugh and when they were off Meruisco this Deponent with Thomas Cluff and William Willis were very desirous to return home, but Levin Townsend told them they had better not, for they most certainly would be hanged if they did return and advised them to go down to Norfolk and enlist under Lord Dunmore as soldiers and when they were at Meruisco advised said Levin Townsend with others went on shore where they killed a beef and brought on board uncleaned and said they bought it and immediately pulled the boat on deck and ordered this Deponent with sundry others under the Deck and shut the hatchway on them and immediately proceeded for Norfolk and on the arrival at said place the said Levin Townsend