

and that in their way down the river they took possession of David Boston's Schooner, that they then proceeded to the mouth of the river, where they arrived there and found there was no salt, this defendant with some others expressed great uneasiness and was desirous of returning, that Levin Townsend and his father and many others laughed at them and told them they must go further for the salt, and immediately took their boat on board, and caused all who were desirous to return under the hatches, that when they arrived at Norfolk Levin Townsend and Isaac Colton went on board the Man of War, and on their return to their company solicited them strongly to enlist under Lord Drummond and told them they should have a guinea and a crown advance, and standing pay allowed them, with a unit of regimentals a gun and bayonet &c. that this defendant and several others refused to enlist, that he heard Levin Townsend say that he intended to fit out a tender to cruise in the bay and take all the prizes they could and then to proceed up Potomac River to take the Committee of Worcester County prisoners and carry them to Lord Drummond, and that Isaac Colton, now Dickerson, Benjamin Selby, Francis Britt, Joseph Gray Taylor, Levi Townsend, Elias Townsend, Zadock Townsend and Wiah Ward approved highly of Townsend's scheme and were determined to join him in it, that Townsend repeatedly expressed a confidence of being joined by a large number of people on his return home, that Thomas Moore was at old Townsend's the day the Company set off, and went with them to the landing where he wished them well and told them he expected to see them again in a short time, that Moore likewise met them at the Ferry down the river and had conversation with some of the Company which this defendant did not hear, that as they went down a beef was killed and brought on board, that this defendant heard Isaac Colton and Francis Britt say that they helped bring the beef on board, ~~that~~ but who the others were he cannot tell, that he heard Levin Townsend say he paid a half joe for it, and that he obliged the Company to pay their proportion.

Sworn before Joseph Dashiell —
November 30th 1775.

Solomon ^{his} Butler
marks.

William Willis, being sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deponent and sayeth that Levin Townsend sent for this Deponent and that he accordingly went and said Levin Townsend told this Deponent that if he wanted salt he might have it down at the mouth of Potomac River, and that this Deponent asked him who had it and that said Levin Townsend said it was his brother Luke and that he might have it almost for nothing, and that this defendant agreed to go, and after they had proceeded so far as Cypher Neck Town this Deponent asked where the beef was that had the salt and that said Levin Townsend said he intended it was done down and on their going further down, said Levin Townsend, Levi Townsend and Isaac Colton went on shore where they killed a beef and brought it on board uncleaned, which they said they paid for, &c.