

upon this defendants' making further in going after the salt and finding there was none, this said Defendant requested that he might return home, but that said Levin Townsend said he would not and immediately hauled the boat upon deck and put this Defendant with others under the hatchway and there kept them, till they arrived at Norfolk and upon their arrival there, said Levin Townsend & Isaac Cotton went on board Lord Drummond's Ship, where they stayed some short time, upon their return said Levin Townsend asked this Defendant and others if they were willing to enlist under Drummond, that if they were they should have a Suit of Regimentals, a Guinea & crown, a gun and Carpent and that this Defendant replied he could not stay on these terms, well replied said Townsend if you will agree to that will you stay and go with me this steering up & down the bay, to take prizes and this Defendant said he could not do it and this Defendant further saith that the said Levin Townsend said that Isaac Cotton was to be his Lieutenant and that he intended to visit Maryland as soon as the Governor could get him a commission for that purpose and that he intended up Potomack river in a very short time that he would take if possible the Committee of Warstees whilst they were asleep in their beds and carry them on board his vessel and convey them as speedily as possible down on board of Lord Drummond's Ship, and this Defendant further saith that he was soon afterwards in Norfolk unknown to this Defendant, the purchase of the Oath this Defendant can't well recollect and further saith William B Townsend pressed this Defendant exceedingly warmly to enlist in Lord Drummond's service, but that this Defendant, Cornelius Dickerson, Bartley White, Hughberty, Solomon Butler & Thomas Cluff absolutely refused, that the rest of their crew, vizt. Isaac Costen, Joseph May Taylor, Francis Britt, William Dickerson, Jacob Townsend, Elias Townsend, Josiah Ward, Benjamin Selby, Levi Townsend, did as this Defendant believes enlist in his Lordship's service, that when this Defendant left the said Townsend at Norfolk the said Levin Townsend told this Defendant he might keep a look out for him in about 10 days or a fortnight off the mouth of Potomack river and that he would see him the said Townsend.

Shown before Joseph Bashell -
November 30th 1775.

William Willis -

Thomas Cluff of lawfull age being shown depositions and saith that he went at a certain place gathering of corn and that Levin Townsend sent for this Defendant and when this Defendant arrived at Wm B Townsend's, Levin Townsend asked this Defendant if he did not want salt, that if he did he would go with him he should have it very reasonable, upon which this Defendant agreed to go with sundry others down as far as the mouth of Potomack river upon which the said Levin Townsend administered an oath to him to keep the matter secret, but not finding any salt this Defendant & some