

of the Company, walked into the Dwelling house, but as he did not go in  
knows not what conversation happen'd there - that in a little time  
after they went into the house he observ'd them coming out and Mrs  
Milward with them with the key in her hand, and that they with  
Mrs Milward went to the house where the salt was stor'd and Mrs Mil-  
ward agreed to open the door when the people (or at least) most of  
them went into the house and got as he thinks, seventeen bushells of  
salt - that the salt was measured by a Negro man belonging to the  
plantation as he understood - that he paid to Colm fifteen shillings  
for a bushell of the salt and believes the rest of the Company paid him  
at the same rate for the salt they got - that they return'd home by the  
same way they came out, and that none of the Guns were charged  
but one, and that one was order'd by Colm to be drawn whilst they  
were marching through the woods from Mrs Nicol's and further  
sayeth not.

This Confession was made before me the subscriber on  
the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 1776.

J<sup>no</sup> Hayward

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Gent.

Philadelphia Decem<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1776.

I wrote you on Tuesday last, and since that time the greatest  
part of the people I brought here is enlisted in the Land service for the sake of  
the twenty dollars bounty, and gone to the Camp. Those who were sailors has  
enter'd in Merchant men, wages being extravagantly high. Since our arrival  
here have been helping to fitt out the Delaware two days past. Mr. Morris  
desir'd we should repair on board one of the row Gallies and follow that  
part of the army that's gone into the Jersey. We made the attempt but the  
ice prevented us from proceeding, upon which we were oblig'd to return.  
I have used every persuasive argument in my power to keep them together  
but they complain of the want of clothes and of their time being expired.  
I have not over twelve men with Officers that is now willing to go to Camp.  
I inform'd Mr. Morris a few days agoe of my Peoples entering and going off  
as there was no immediate call at Philadelphia. I wanted permission to  
return to the ship with what men I had left. he did not approve of it, but  
signified what did not return to advertise. I shall at my return give  
you a list of those who are gone and those who returns with me - I perhaps  
had I known we was to have had a winters Campaign, I would have pro-  
vided cloths for them, all that I expected was to have done what was in my power  
for the present occasion and to have return'd to the ship in a short time; agree-  
able to your instructions I wait the pleasure of the Congress, or Marine Board  
to return, or your orders for that purpose. Yesterday there was 950 Hessian  
come to this Town Prisoners, exclusive Commissar'd Officers and it is repor-  
ted since there being taken, there is about 300 men with a Hessian