

for the letter directed to Capt. Daffin, which Guttenman supplied me with a horse to ride for it, as Col. Travers had omitted to send it to him, I received the letter and on my return to Cambridge, heard the copies belonging to Inchester County was to meet at the Lightwood Court Chapple. Mr. Corvill told me he would ride to that place with me, and made no doubt but that I would enlist thirty men, as he had heard many intended to meet me there for that purpose. I had not received any cash, but as that opportunity offered, I concluded to advance the small sum I had to bear my expenses, which if not sufficient, Mr. Corvill offered to supply, and to do him justice he was the only friend I had in the field who had courage enough to stand by me. I proceeded to do my duty, and undertook to read the resolve of Convention with respect to raising matroses. One of the Company told me it was all false and if any man should enlist, he would be sent to Philadelphia, and not to Annapolis, and that they were damned fools that would go to either to fight against their King. I then told him he was a Tory, another told me I should not come there to find any thing else; I told him I hoped to find it otherwise. A young man then desired to hear the proposals; I attempted to read them to him, but one of the Company struck the paper, and many of them made such a noise, that prevented me from informing those who wanted to enlist. I then put up my papers, lest they should take them from me. About an hour after a man called me aside and told me he would enlist at Cambridge, for he was afraid to do it there. Mr. George Shakum over heard him, and said, I am your forty shillings, it is not worth six pence. I have gold and silver enough, and will give fifty shillings to a man either to fight for the King, or not fight against him, which of the two I am not positive, but believe I can prove both, if I can be enabled to go there for the evidences. Mr. George Shakum told me I was a damned rascal in offering to enlist men against the King and they were damned fools that would go with me. I ran immediately after that in different places men whispering together, at which time a young man as he passed by me said get off immediately or you will be murdered. I took his advice, it being dark, I knew not the roads perfectly. In a few minutes I heard some horses in full speed coming after me; on which I took to the woods and made my escape for that time. It would take up too much time to relate what I suffered in that night, which had almost cost me my life. In Cambridge I received of Capt. Daffin eight pounds, which he told me was at his own risque, being bound up by the instructions he received not to advance more than forty Shillings at one time, but as I proved to him the inconvenience attending it he advanced me more. When I came away I returned him the whole sum advanced. I have advanced some cash to the men I have enlisted, to do which I was under the necessity to sell my sword and watch. As I have been so much disappointed in getting men, I was determined not to make use of the public army. In Cambridge I next beat up for

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