

-drew with several others went into the house to Mrs Murrey and tendered her a dollar per Bushel for fourteen and a half bushels of salt, which she refused and said she had sold them none, if he had any account to settle with Mr Murrey he might do it, when he came from the Convention, he left in paper money, to the amount offered above, and further said not.

Sworn to in Committee at Melvill's Warehouse before,
January 20th 1777. Benson Hainton, Chairman,

The deposition of John Coleman of Caroline County, upon being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposed and said, that sometime in October last he this Deponent was at work J^r Murrey's mill, and heard that a number of persons was at the said Murrey's in search of salt, and he went to the house where they were and there found Richard Andrew and seventy or eighty persons with him who seemed to be under his command, some a trying to break open doors and others threatening to break them open, and he this Deponent got the keys of Mrs Murrey to show them what salt there was, and after that came out and locked the doors, and after some dispute between Richard Andrew and others with Mrs Murrey about the salt the said Andrew said he would have the salt, and picked up the key that was lying by Mrs Murrey and went and unlocked the door against her will and measured fourteen bushels and a half of salt as they said; and then Richard Andrew and one Levin Cannon went in to settle with Mrs Murrey, and she said she had sold them no salt and would receive no money, and Richard Andrew said they had got fourteen bushels and a half of salt and counted out fourteen dollars and a half as they said and laid it on the table and left it.

John ^{his} Coleman

This deposition was taken in committee and in the presence of Richard Andrew before
Benson Hainton Chairman,

Gent.

Nottingham Jan^y 21st 1777.

I have enquired something about Tobacco on Potomack, am informed twenty two shillings and six pence has been offered, and Tobacco comes in slow. My acquaintance thinks it may be had at twenty five shillings and five shillings for cash. If the Council of Safety determine to load the ship that Capt. Kelly commands with Tobacco and chuse that should put one half the cargo on board and will give me orders to that purpose, I will cause it to be set about immediately. I intend to be inoculated for the small pox myself in two or three days, but that will not impede the dispatch of the Ship, as I shall, in such directions to put things in the greatest forwardness. If Colo Haze puts half the cargo on board, and is desired not to exceed 25th Cent, I make no

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