

Therefore could not commit them as deserters

Sworn in Committee. Baltimore Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Mr. Carey.

John Carey,

Treasur. Genl. Providence just Chairman.

Mr. Smith refused to commit these deserters.

Thursday last 14<sup>th</sup> of this month as I was executing my Office according to orders from our Honorable Committee, at Vincent Traplins proceeded there, rode up a large wagon road through his plantation, as I received directions from his neighbour Mrs Shealy, as soon as I came within a small distance of him, as he was at work looking up to wards me, he swore he would blow my brains out and quietly stepped to his door, when he was hindered by his wife enjoining and begging of him not to get his gun, he turned and picked up a large stick swearing and cursing and with both hands struck my head. I fended it off as much as I could, with a small cane I rode with, otherwise the consequence might be much than you see. During this his proceedings, I desired him to desist and that I should go away, without proceeding any further and leave the matter to your Committee. he swore I should not have the liberty to go out of his inclosures, as he was fully determined to kill me, while he was about to repeat his strokes I began to ride off, he closely pursued with stones, swearing he would kill me, I rode as quick as I could, and happily was let out of his field by a servant of Edward Popmans, else he undoubtedly would have overhaken me. The servant saved me a Patient to ride away as fast as I could, otherwise he would kill me, I believe it was his intention, when I got out of his field, I then turned and told him I would acquaint the Committee of his actings today; he answered the Committee and I might kiss his arse and be damned, pulling his coat apart behind, for a parcel of Roguish damned sons of Witches. and if they came there he would use them in the same manner as I have done you &c. &c. &c.

Thus Gentlemen I have acted by your authority, till I can act no more without endangering my life, which I am determined not to do any longer without your protection, all which I leave to your present consideration and immediate assistance, as I have called a number of your dues to morrow.

I am, Gentlemen, your humble Servant.

James Bosley.

November 18<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Sworn to in Committee. Treasurer Jacob Providence just Chairman

To Honble Committee of Baltimore County -

Vincent Traplin abused Bosley the Officer and cursed the Convention.

Gentlemen, In Committee, Baltimore Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1776.

The inclosed papers contain matters which to us appear alarming and interesting at this critical juncture. We have therefore sent them to you for your direction how we are to proceed therein. Mr Bosley one of the Defendants was appointed by this Committee a collector of the fines from non-enrollers, and was in the execution of his duty when assaulted in the manner related. We are sorry to inform