

On the 14th day of November 1776 I was in Company with Mr. James Bos-
ley, when he was collecting the fines upon Mine Run Hundred, when we proceeded
to Vincent Traplings, who we found some distance from his dwelling house, a
hewing a piece of timber, as soon as we came about 20 yards of him, he found
it was Capt. James Bosley when he immediately dropt the ax and the piece of timber
and run to his dwelling house saying all the way that he went with his hands
waving at us, that he would be damnd if he did not blow James Bosley's brains
out, however his wife met him at the door crying out to him for God sake not
to get the gun and with her being so uneasy prevented him, and then he turned
about, and snatch'd up a large stick about three foot long, run up to Bosley and
laid on with both of his hands upon him while he was on his horse, which cut
him very bad upon his head. I suppose he lost half a pint of blood from the wo-
und, and Bosley told him before he struck that if he would forewarn him from
distraiming that he would not proceed and go about his business, and let the
Gentlemen of the Committee handle him as they thought proper, which he dam-
ned all the Committee for a pack of damnd rogues, and that they might kiss
his arse, and that if they was there he would serve them in the same manner
as what I have done you, and that he would not give him the liberty of
going to the Committee but would kill him before he got out of his encla-
-sures, throwing at Bosley stones and every thing that came in his way,
as he was riding to leave him, and after he left Bosley and returned to me
and made an offer to strike me, and sure he had a great mind to give it to me,
he was inform'd by several of the neighbours that Traplin threaten he would
shoot Bosley when he come for his line, and I should have prevented him from
striking Bosley or myself by a Hanger I had by my side, if Mrs Bosley had
not of told me before we came to Traplins not by any means to strike him
with the Hanger, however I went then to look for Bosley, and when I came
up with him I found him bleeding and he mentioned to me if I thought
it would not be better to go to some house and wash the blood off of him and
cut the hair from the wound which I told him I thought it would be best, we
then rode up to a house belonging to John Stevenson and found in the house a
white servant man who got us some water, and a pair of scissors and while I
was cutting the hair off the wound comes Traplin to the door cursing and swea-
-ring at Bosley with a stick in his hands, and with that I step'd to the door and
told him he did not act like a man of courage to follow another off of his plan-
-tation after using a man after the manner he had done Bosley, and after
he said I had several words he went off cursing and swearing like a mad
man.

The whole of which I have inserted here I am very willing to be quali-
-fied to, if the Gentlemen of the Committee think proper.

Nov 18th 1776.

James Smith

Sworn to in Committee. Witness

Thos. Parviance Just. Chairman