

over the Bar, he Yell understood from an old man on board the Tender that Wheland had rec'd an express from the Fleet ordering him to come up to Potowmac to assist the Fleet in getting water as quick as possible as orders were come to the Fleet to go out, as soon as they cou'd, part to Martinico to fight the French (as they expected a war there) & part to N York or Hallifax. Wheland soon after ordered fire set to White's vessel and one other which he had not got over the Bar, & put this Deponent on shore gave him part of his cloaths and told him he might take his Boat again, this Deponant sayeth that Marmaduke Mister was one of the Persons that kept guard over him one night while he was on board the Tender, the af^{sd} Mister ask'd this Deponent who he was for, whether King or Country, this Deponent answered he was friend to every person that behav'd well, the af^{sd} M^r then commanded in the King's name to tell him the truth, this Deponent then told him he was born in this country and had a right to defend his Liberty, Mister then said what those damn'd Rebels call Liberty I call Slavery and so the people will find it, this Deponent further sayeth that Marmaduke Mister set fire to one of the vessels that was burn'd and was to have the Iron for doing it. This Deponent sayeth that John Evans Robert Howith, and one Price were likewise on board the same Tender under the command of the af^{sd} Joseph Wheland (he supposes) as he often heard them call him Captⁿ, this Deponent saith he heard John Evans say he was determined to have several of the principal people on the Islands either dead or alive, or get some of their negroes.

This Deponent saith he has seen Joseph Wheland, John Evans, Robert Howith and Price the four persons above mentioned since they have been under Guard at the Streights and that they are the same persons he saw on board of the Tender above mentioned. This Deponent further saith on his asking Joseph Wheland for his cloths Wheland threatened to put him in Irons in the vessels hole. the Deponent likewise saith that John Evans told him not to be uneasy about his cloaths and money for Wheland would give them to him after he was ready to go from the Island, for the paper money wou'd be of no more use to him than Blank paper. Sworn before Hugh Eccleston.

C. S. J.

Thursday 1st Aug^t 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Joseph Nicholson junior Esquire sixteen Pounds sixteen Shillings for 24 Days attendance as a member of the Council.