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Lawrence be moved to remove the said Denton from his Clerk's
Place under him & put in his Room some other more honest
deserving Loyal Person or at least to suspend him till he clear
himself of the aforesaid Charge W^m Bladen being appointed to
serve the said Precept is called in and upon his oath examined
saith that he the Deponent being empowred by Coll^r Blakiston
to go on Board & also to press men to unstop the Ship Margarett
of London then under seizure did on or about the Month of January
1693 impress one Stephen Blackfort a servant to M^r Henry
Denton who took him away without any discharge & not long
after this Deponent going again to impress the said Stephen
the said Denton took him away and said that he should not
go saying that you I suppose meaning his Excellency the Gov^r
always lays the Burden upon the Citizens, and that it was a
Grievance, and that the Assembly should be acquainted with it
The Deponent told Stephen in the hearing of the said Denton
that he had Authority to press him and bid him detain him at
his Peril.

The foregoing motion of suspending M^r Denton for his Contempt
and disaffection aforesaid made known & again moved to M^r
Thomas Lawrence to which he replied that he would require
M^r Denton to go to Coll^r Blakiston and beg his Pardon if that
might suffice but as for the rest he saith he is bound over to answer
at the next Provincial Court and therefore can take no further
Cognizance thereof.

Coll^r Edward Pye called in is given to Understand that whereas
upon the late Revolution some of the Countrey Arms being then
in his Custody severall of the Locks and other materials belong-
ing to the same where lost or imberelled he Replys and saith
that at the beginning of the Revolution some of the Countrey Arms
were in his Custody and of such of them as where not well fixed he
did take of the Locks and deliver them to M^r William Dent to
secure but afterwards the People mutinying and threatening to
fire his the said Pyes House which to prevent the said Dent