

Information being this day given to the Gov<sup>t</sup> & Coun-  
cil that some persons towards the head of the Bay have  
lately at your house or in your hearing uttered several  
false mutinous & Seditious speeches to the dislike of their  
Majestys Subjects the good people of this Province viz<sup>t</sup>  
that King William was proclaimed a Tyrant by the  
Confederates &c you are desired by his Excellency required  
forthwith to give your personal attendance here at the  
City of St Marys to testify the truth of your knowledge  
concerning the same & in the meantime to recover in  
your memory what Possibly you can discover as far  
as may be the first Author & Divulger thereof in order  
to be proceeded against according to Law & the demerits  
of the case

Your humble Serv<sup>t</sup> J. H.

Produced & read & Order these following Depositions  
(viz<sup>t</sup>)

The Deposition of William Wheeler  
aged Fifty Years or thereabouts

The Deponent upon Oath taken on the holy Evange-  
list saith that on or about the third day of March  
last past he being at his Lodgings at the house of Mr  
John Pope in Talbot County one Dominick Birman  
a Lodger also in the said House acquainted Mr Pope  
that Coll Peter Sawyer intended to come & see her who  
Answered he should be welcome to anything she could  
procure & forthwith the said Sawyer with several others  
Came with him the most noted of which or such as I had  
any acquaintance with were Captain Richardson Comm<sup>dr</sup>  
of the Ship Endeavour at Oxford Captain Benson of