

others wanted to return, upon which the said Townsend confined them and that the said Levin Townsend and others went on shore where they killed a deer, whereupon they proceeded down to Norfolk and upon their arrival at Norfolk the said Levin Townsend and Hans Corten one of their numbers went aboard Lord Drummer's ship and some time after returned to this Deponent and said Levin Townsend asked this Deponent and company if they were willing to enlist under Governor Drummer, that if they would they should have a suit of regimentals, a gun a guinea and a crown sentance with their standing pay, and that this Deponent said he would rather choose to go home again and that said Townsend said you cannot return home, for you will not be let return, you will be taken up and further told this Deponent that if this Deponent did not go up to the Standard in Norfolk the Governor would most certainly detain him and this Deponent further saith that the aforesaid Levin Townsend came with an officer who administered an oath to him, the contents of which this Deponent can particularly recollect; and further saith that the said Levin Townsend was getting out a small vessel for a tender and that said Levin Townsend told this Deponent that he intended to come up Poconoke River in the tender aforesaid, and that a certain Edmund Scarborough of Virginia was to go to Poconoke with an apprentice and that the said Levin Townsend said that after he took a cruise or two up the bay in order to make some prizes, he should lay his vessel against the Appropes in Poconoke river & that he would then seize the Committee of Worcester County whilst they were asleep in their beds and convey them on board his vessel and then proceed down to the Governor as quick as possible, and this Deponent further saith that when Levin Townsend was insisting on him to enlist under Governor Drummer, William Bartlett Townsend pressed this Deponent to do it, and told him (this Deponent) that he could not say anything that was better for him and very strongly recommended it to him and the said William B Townsend further told this Deponent he should come up Poconoke river in the tender with his men, and this Deponent further saith that the said Levin Townsend desired this Deponent and the others that returned with him to keep a look out on the Anne Arundel shoal for his return to assist the said Levin in his scheme: and further saith not.

The above oath taken before Joseph Dashiell -

Thomas^{is} Cluff
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Harford County

Sir I am to inform you that it is not in my power to purchase blankets & Simons fitt for tents. Arms I have about forty but believe shall be able to procure as many as the Company may want they will want some repairs. The Company is now up and Capt Harris waits on you board for orders. I could have purchased blankets and Simons but at a much higher price than the Council thought reasonable I have sent up to Pennsylvania where I hear is Simons and blankets both Combing made, and as the blankets is larger than those from Europe I am afraid they will fail as to the blankets in Harford Town it is uncertain that the Company mentioned in your letter will leave any for Capt Harris. I should be much