

Guns in their hands - The deponent's wife being alarmed and fearing that  
other mischief might be done ran to the door and told Jere. Colston that  
she would open the door and show the salt upon which Mrs Jere. Colston  
called out to the others to stop - And the Deponent's wife opened the door and  
Jere. Colston with most of the others went into the house where the salt lay,  
the deponent being unwell returned into the house, but saw them carry  
several bags away.

The Deponent further saith that in about half an hour his  
wife came into the house and brought a tally board which she said she  
kept to know what they carried away, and immediately after came in Jere.  
Colston with his followers and offered to pay for the salt, which the Deponent  
refused to take still alleging as at first that he could not dispose of the salt.  
but they counted the money among them and laid it upon the table, and the  
Deponent did then count it and after they were gone, he put it away. The  
Deponent saith that by his wife's tally they took  $17\frac{1}{2}$  bushels of salt, and  
they left with him 35 dollars in paper money.

Sworn to this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 1776. before.

William Hayward.

James Lacey of Caroline County emperth that on Friday evening  
last one John Bush came to the house of John Cooper and got a horse  
from Cooper as he was informed and that Bush asked Cooper if he would send  
after salt and that Cooper agreed to send, and asked him if he would go,  
and that he agreed to go, that about three hours after moon up, a  
Company collected and called for him (Lacey) upon which he joined them  
that then were in the Company, Jere. Colston, James Dwiggen, Solomon  
Eagle, James Smith son of Michael, Thomas Curtis, Nathan Wheatly,  
David Morgan, Thomas Cooper, Aaron Cooper, Levin Martingale,  
Samuel Martingale, John Chesly, Daniel Bayner, James Hix  
son of James, John Bush and John Rufsum all of the County afore-  
said - That Colston, Dwiggen, James Smith, Samuel Martingale,  
Nathan Wheatly, James Hix and Aaron Cooper had guns, that  
Colston as he understood was the first proposer of the scheme, and had  
the command of the Company, that in a little time after he joined  
the Company, they marched down and when opposite Mrs Nicol's in  
Talbot County, they turned out of the road and marched through the  
woods by a path that leads to another road, and then proceeded down  
to where Mr Milward lives, when several of the Company went up  
to the house, but he (Lacey) stayed a little while with his beasts, and  
then also went up to the house, when he heard Colston ask Mr Milward  
if there was any salt there for sale, to which Mr Milward answered  
that the salt that was there was not his, nor had he orders to sell  
any - that Colston then asked who kept the key of the house, and Mr Mil-  
ward answered that it was kept by his wife - upon which several