

men in the presence of many of our principal Gentlemen, being the time of the Election. I had a flag made of two sheets of Small bills, which one of a mob that had raised against me, of ten attempted to take from the man who had it, and struck him; they then proceeded to insult me, and was very industrious in advising men not to enlist. John Chalmers seeing the treatment I met with told me he had two swords and that it was welcome to one of them. I accepted of one of them and soon chased the Son of my enemies, Lieutenant James Gray was much my friend in this affair. I intended next to go to New Market as I understood there was to be two days races, but my friends advised me not, as it was expected many of Capt. Anderson's men would be there, and I should be used ill. I complained to many of the Committee, and in particular to Capt. Daffer and Mr. Cornals, who told me the night I came away they were sorry I was so ill used, but that it was out of their power to help it, and advised me to apply to your Honours, who I hope will find my Conduct in this matter to have been such as will not disgrace the warrant you Honoured me with, which Conduct I am determined to pursue in any Station you may think proper to place me in, if it is only a private, and hope that the trifling irregularities I have some years ago committed, may not prevent me from being preferred according to the services I have, and am willing to render in the private disputes.

January 5th 1777

Thomas Sparrow

The deposition of Levin Todd of Dorchester County aged about thirty years being sworn the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, saith that he was present at the Corps Battalion of Militia of Dorchester County aforesaid, when Thomas Sparrow was recruiting there - That he heard some disputes between the said Sparrow, and a certain Edward Pearson, but on what subject this Deponent Cannot tell.

That this Deponent very soon after the said dispute began left the Battalion and further saith not.

Taken before me,

This 3^d January 1777

Thos Brooke Hodgkin

The Deposition of Jacob Todd of Dorchester County aged about 20 years, being duly sworn saith, that he was present at the Corps Battalion of Militia of Dorchester County aforesaid, when Thomas Sparrow was recruiting there That he heard some disputes between the said Sparrow and William Shorter upon which Sparrow told Shorter he was a tory, but Shorter said to make the worst of him he was only half a tory - That this Deponent thought the said Shorter did not behave himself well and reprimanded him, and soon after left the Place, and further saith not.

Taken before me,

This 3^d January 1777

Thos Brooke Hodgkin

Gentlemen,

Wednesday Morning

We remain in the most anxious suspense, Some in per-

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