

party of Maj<sup>r</sup> Fallen's men and sent by the Major to us as by his letter which we have inclosed for your perusal will appear. The depositions of Joseph Mariman and Moses Yell which are mention'd in the inclosed letter we have since received from Cap<sup>t</sup> Eccleston the Magistrate who took them, which we have also inclosed. We have not seen Cap<sup>t</sup> Eccleston since he took the Depositions but are informed Mariman and Yell have returned home on a promise that they wou'd attend your board on notice. We apprehend the Prisoners will not deny their being in service of Dunmore, but if they should and any further evidence should be necessary to prove that fact on your informing us of it we believe such may easily be had. Wheeland is the man who the last convention (as we are told) were informed served as Pilot to Dunmore's vessels up to Nanticoke point and he confesses to us he was with the party who took cattle from Hopkins Island. We are Gent<sup>n</sup>

Your obed<sup>t</sup> Servants

Signed p<sup>r</sup> order of Committee

Edward Noel Chairman.

P. S. We have just now received some powder from Talbot which appears to us entirely unfit for our use. We being much in want of ammunition have sent a sample of the powder to you hoping that on seeing it you will take some order about it that we may be furnished. We only got 178<sup>lb</sup> Lead.

C. S. C.

[Mariman's Deposition.]

July 27<sup>th</sup> 1776

Joseph Mariman being sworn on the Holy Evangel's of Almighty God deposeth and sayeth that about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant he with Moses Yell left the mouth of Hungar River in a Vessel bound to Potomac loaded with Plank and Tar, but being a hard gale and a large swell they were obliged to put back, but on their attempting to put back the tide headed them, they afterwards hove about and stood for the mouth of Potomack again, and about day break they espied Lord Dunmore's fleet at the distance of about a mile, they then hove about and stood for Smyth's Islands and there came to an anchor they stayed there about two or three hours, the wind moderated, this Deponent went ashore to Smyths Island in order to buy some fish and to seek for a Canoe he had lost the night before, and to enquire if there was no inlet there to make a better Harbour, and to get some fire to cook with. Before he got ashore he saw two men in a Canoe making towards him, which he understood afterwards was Joseph Wheeland Jun<sup>r</sup> and one Lazarus, a Mulatto, and by the time