

company which this deponent did not hear, that as they went down a beef was killed and brought on board, that this deponent heard Isaac Coston and Francis Britt say that they help'd bring the beef on board, but who the others were he cannot tell, that he heard Levin Townsend say he paid a half joe for it, and that he obliged the company to pay their proportion.

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Sworn before Joseph Dashiell.

November 30th 1775.

William Willis being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that Levin Townsend sent for this Deponent and that he accordingly went and said Levin Townsend told this Deponent that if he wanted salt he might have it down at the mouth of Pocomoke River and that this Deponent asked him who had it and that said Levin Townsend said it was his brother Luke and that he might have it almost for going for, and that this deponent agreed to go, and after they had proceeded so far as Oystershell Town this Deponent asked where the Vessel was that had the salt and that said Levin Townsend said he imagined it was lower down and in their going further down, said Levin Townsend, Levi Townsend and Isaac Costen went on shore where they killed a beef and brought it on board uncleaned, which they said they paid for, & upon this deponent's making further inquiry after the salt and finding there was none, this said Deponent requested that he might return home, but that Levin Townsend said he should not and immediately hauled the boat upon deck and put this Deponent with others under the Hatch way and there kept them, till they arrived at Norfolk and upon their arrival there, said Levin Townsend & Isaac Costen went on board Lord Dunmore's Ship, where they stay'd some short time, upon their return said Levin Townsend asked this Deponent and others if they were willing to inlist under Dunmore, that if they were they should have a suit of regimentals, a guinea & crown, a gun and bayonet and that this deponent replied he could not stay on them terms, well replied said Townsend if you won't agree to that will you stay and go with me privateering up & down the bay to take prizes and this Deponent said he could not do it and this Deponent further saith that the said Levin Townsend said that Isaac Costen was to be his Lieutenant and that he intended to visit Maryland as soon as the Governour cou'd get him a commission for that purpose and that he intended up Pocomoke river in a very short time that he wou'd take if possible the Committee of Worcester whilst they were asleep