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Copies. in their beds and carry them on board his vessel and convey them as speedily as possible down on board of Governor Dunmore's ship, and this Deponent further saith that he was sworn by a person in Norfolk unknown to this Deponent, the purport of the Oath this Deponent can't well recollect and further saith William B. Townsend pressed this Depon^t exceeding warmly to inlist in Lord Dunmore's service, but that this Deponent, Cornelius Dickerson, Bartley White, Hugh Vestry, Solomon Butler & Thomas Cluff absolutely refused, that the rest of their crew, to wit, Isaac Costen, Joseph Gray Taylor, Francis Britt, William Dickerson, Zadock Townsend, Elias Townsend, Josiah Ward, Benjamin Selby, Levi Townsend, did as this Deponent believes inlist in his Lordship's service, that when this Depon^t left the said Townsend at Norfolk the said Levin Townsend told this Deponent he might keep a look out for him in about 10 days or a fortnight off the mouth of Pocomoke river and that he wou'd see him the said Townsend.

Sworn before Joseph Dashiell.

William Willis.

November 30th 1775.

Thomas Cluff of lawfull age being sworn deposeth and saith that he went at a certain place gathering of corn and that Levin Townsend sent for this Deponent and when this Deponent arrived at W^m B. Townsend's, Levin Townsend asked this Deponent if he did not want salt, that if he did provided he would go with him he shou'd have it very reasonable, upon which this Deponent agreed to go with sundry others down as far as the mouth of Pocomoke river upon which the said Levin Townsend administered an oath to him to keep the matter secret, but not finding any salt this Depon^t & some others wanted to return, upon which the said Townsend confined them and that the said Levin Townsend and others went on shore where they kill'd a beef, whereupon they proceeded down to Norfolk and upon their arrival at Norfolk the said Levin Townsend and Isaac Costen one of their number went on board Lord Dunmore's Ship and some time after returned to this Deponent and said Levin Townsend asked this Deponent and company if they were willing to inlist under Governour Dunmore, that if they wou'd they should have a suit of regimentals, a gun, a guinea and a crown entrance 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 Standed in Norfolk the Governor would most certainly detain him and this