

ask'd Bosley if he asked him for a fine the day he came to his house, and Bosley said he did not, and further they say not.

Robert Love.

William Sanford.

Came before me Robert Love and William Sanford and made oath that this deposition is Truth, and fact according to the best of their knowledge and recollection.

Sworn January 1<sup>st</sup> 1777, before, James Calder.

The deposition of Aquila Wilmot of Baltimore County, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, That about the twentieth day of November last, he the deponent, as a spectator, went to see the sale of some things at a certain Rich<sup>d</sup> Rhode's distrained upon for his non-enrolling fine; When the deponent came near to the yard Gate of said Rhodes, he the said Rhodes came out at his gate, and forewarned this Deponent and those, that were with him from going into the Gate at their peril. Capt. Bosley told M<sup>r</sup> Rhodes that he would speak with him. M<sup>r</sup> Rhodes laughed and said "Ah, I will speak with you," upon which Capt<sup>n</sup> Bosley and Rhodes went a few steps distance, and thereupon Vincent Trapnell came out of the Gate, and asked this Deponent if Bosley summoned him there, to which this deponent replied, *No*. The said Trapnell also said that Bosley had better quit collecting fines, and if he did not he would be as surely killed, as he was born, and that there were men there at that time, who came on purpose to kill him, and that he Trapnell came to save his life, and that he wanted to talk to Capt. Bosley, and advised him to quit, for it was a damncd piece of roguery. Capt. Bosley and Rhodes being done conversing, Trapnell told Capt. Bosley to go home, and not to proceed any further, for if he did, that he would be killed, as sure as he was a man, and that this Deponent thinks said Trapnell lifted up his cane and said that if Bosley did proceed, he would not give that for his life (shaking his cane) which Hill Savage seconded. There were some others also who did the same.

Capt. Bosley then told them, that there seemed to be an overmatch for him there, but that he (Bosley) would apply to the Committee for a guard of men to support him in the collection of the fines. Vincent Trapnell then desired to know the time and place, and that he wanted fair play, jumping up and knocking his heels together, swearing by God "he was Bottom," and turning round to his company said that he could raise 500 men by night and 1500 men by Saturday night. It was also proposed by some of the Company then assembled, to pull down Capt. Bosley's house and destroy his Living, which proposition Trapnell acquiesced in. During which