

July 16 Portsmouth where a Guardship lay to protect them & they would  
 Red Book get 18 or 20£ hard money p hogshead and that he heard the said  
 No. 26 Anderson say he Anderson was in the Barge at the time when the  
 Letter 120 plundering party with one Robinson was at Lower Marlborough &  
 that on this deponents making some Grogg he heard him telling  
 M<sup>r</sup> Heathman something about the Engagement in the Bay between  
 the Porpus & Hibernia, but cannot tell the particulars

Sworn before this 10<sup>th</sup> day July 1781 E Johnson

July 16 [Deposition of James Stone before E. Johnson, Calvert County]  
 Red Book

No. 26 The Deposition of James Stone aged about thirty three years being  
 Letter 121 duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth &  
 saith that on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> June last he was returning down the  
 Road he met a certain Thomas Heathman and after some Conver-  
 sation this deponent asked him what was become of the Man they  
 had seen at Hunting Town (that day) who had a pass from  
 Richard Barnes Esq<sup>r</sup> Heathman answered that he left him at M<sup>r</sup>  
 Oggs & that they had been drinking Toddy together and asked this  
 deponent why he left Town so soon that had this deponent staid he  
 might have had a sufficiency of Toddy as he had treated him (Heath-  
 man) this dep<sup>t</sup> made answer he did not want any of his Toddy why  
 says Heathman he was the Man that took our Tobacco at the mouth  
 of Patuxent River & further saith that Heathman & this deponent  
 lodged at M<sup>r</sup> James Sewalls that night & that Heathman said the  
 Man told him if he Heathman had claimed the protection of the  
 English & have gone with them he would have been satisfied for the  
 Tobacco they had taken from him (or words to that Effect)

July 18 [Jn<sup>o</sup> Gwinn, Port Tobacco to His Excellency Thom Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Governor and the Honourable Council.]

May it please Your Excellency & Honours. In Consequence of the  
 within order, I take the liberty of inclosing it, and hope your Excel-  
 lency and Honors will Comply with the Contents.

Charles County ss

At a Court for the State of Maryland held at Charles Town in and  
 for the County aforesaid on the Monday before the second Tuesday  
 in and 12<sup>th</sup> day of March Anno Domini 1781

Before the Worshipfull

Walter Hanson, Daniel Jenifer, John Dent, Robert Young, War-  
 ren Dent, Richard Barnes, William Harrison, John Parnham, Walter  
 H. Jenifer, Joshua Sanders, Walter Winter of Jn<sup>o</sup>, Samuel Hanson  
 J<sup>r</sup>, Hoskins Hanson, John Morton, Bennett Dyson & John Diggs.

Gentlemen Justices thereunto legally Authorised and Assigned,  
 Jn<sup>o</sup> Gwinn Clk; Benjamin Cawood Gent. Sheriff.