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The deposition of Peter Brightwell of Prince Georges County taken this 16th day of March 1745

This deponent being duely sworn deposeth & saith that on the 11th day of this Instant being at the House of John Nicholls of the said County & falling into discourse with the Wife of the said Nicholls she said to him this deponent that she wisht she lived within five Miles of a certain House that she would run the risque of her neck but she would burn it. She said that she would set it on fire & then make her escape as fast as she could for fear of the Ammunition she suspected to be in it. This deponent then told her it was dangerous to do such things to which she replied, Well she would do it. Then this deponent Askd her why she would do it. She answered because they would never for these Seven or five Years (this deponent do's not remember) suffer any Woman to come into it. Even the Wife of the Master of the House had been known to be at the Plantation a Month or five Weeks together & was never suffer'd to come into it. This deponent Askd her whose House it was she spoke off. She Answered Arnold Levers at Monococy. And that whenever the said Arnold Levers & his Sett or company went into the said house there was always a Watch or Guard Set about it. She adds that she had this information from a Woman named Patchele as this deponent thinks, who is a Roman Catholic. And further this deponent saith not

Peter his P Brightwell mark

Sworn before me

Thomas

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