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ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

The Deposition of Matthias Davis being sworn Deposeth as followeth that some time before the last Election he the said deponent happened in Company with the Revd John Bowie and this Deponent asked the afsd Bowie what he thought of the Oath of Allegiance to the State and that the said Bowie said before he would take the said Oath he would suffer his Right Arm to be cut off; and on further discoursing the said Bowie wished (if ever he took the said Oath) that his Tongue might cleave to the Roof of his Mouth and never come loose and that if he the said deponent would get a parcel of good Hearty Boys (for that he the said Bowie said that all our Churchmen are called Boys) would go and Kick them all out of the Court House who should want them to take the said Oath, then you may Huzza for the King & drink his Health. And the said deponent further saith that about a fortnight ago as he was Reaping and he ~~[illegible]~~ fell in Company with one William Powel ~~[illegible]~~ told this deponent that the people about in the Neighbourhood were all a Signing a paper, the Contents of which were as followeth to Wit — This is to let your Lordship know that we are for the King — and that Charles Allen, Jeremiah Powell, Jerr. Mayhew, Warren Faught, Taylor Hall, Jas. Gaman Jun.r Nine Names were subscribed to it, and that he the said Will.m Powel was to carry it to Gabriel Powell who was to carry it to Elisha Parker and that he the said Parker was to carry it on Board the Man of War, and this deponent further saith that his Brother Elijah Davis and this deponent the Elias Burbage was to carry the said paper first to Doctr Bishop and Col.o Chaley to see whether it and they would affixe to it, but that on this deponents perswasion —