

28 March 1782. I William Clifford a Soldier on the Continental Army
 for the Parish of East Kingston, aged twenty one years
 testify that on Tuesday last I was at Col^l Ton Gueleys
 in East Kingston and he asked me how long I had
 been home, I told him he then asked me if I was going
 again, or had got clear, I told him I should return to
 the army soon, he then asked me if I was not tired
 of the Service I answered yes, he then said the war
 wont hold two years longer he then took me into
 a private room, & told me to be careful what I said
 to one Folsom who lived with him — he then asked
 me about a brother of mine who lived at the East-
 ward & where he lived I told him & that I intended to go see him
 he asked how far he lived from Penobscot, I told him about sixty
 miles he said I was a young man & ought to take care of my
 self for no other person would do it for me — he then asked me
 if I did not once desert I told I did & was carried back & how
 I was rewarded for my imprudence — he then said if he was in
 my case he'd see them first before he would go to them any more
 he said he knew my fathers mind very well having conversed
 with him sundry times, that if he was in my case he would
 he advised me to go off to the enemy at Penobscot & deliver
 myself up to the Commander & tell him I was a child when
 I engaged in the Service & knew nothing about the
 affair & beg of him to give me a pass to go to work in
 the country, & go & work & get something for myself —
 he then begged of me not to mention his name for they
 would tear him to pieces but I need not be afraid
 to speak my mind before him — he asked me where Sargiant
 Denby was, I told him I believed at Exeter — he desired to get
 him M^r M^r Thorton & others to the number of twelve & come
 down next day & kill Cap^t Tilton to death & he would give
 them a handsome treat that they might take him as
 he come out of the Meeting house & knock him down &
 there should be a King made — he then advised me
 by all means to go to Penobscot for the enemy now
 had forty thousand men on the water, coming over
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Exeter March 28th 1782 William Clifford

the above named William Clifford after
being duly cautioned to testify the whole
truth made solemn oath to the truth of
the above Deposition by him subscribed &
being taken at the request of Nath^l Bowholder
& Phillip Tilton Esq^{rs} two of the Selectmen of
of East Kingston in perpetuam rei memoriam

Sworn before

Nath^l. Tolson }
W^m. Parker } Quorum
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