

in the year 1775, he did receive five hundred and fourteen C. S. C. bushels of salt for M^r James Lloyd Chamberlaine and put it into the house above mentioned at Plain dealing and that between the month of October and Christmas of the same year he the deponent did measure and sell all the salt out of the aforesaid house which he received as before mentioned at three shillings p^r Bushel And that at the time while that salt was measuring and selling James Lloyd Chamberlaine aforesaid, did caution the Deponent not to mix the new received salt which was his, with the old salt that was before in the house as that did not belong to him, but to Tommy Chamberlaine a minor

And the deponent further saith that the family at Plaindealing used out of the aforesaid salt nearly at the rate of twelve bushels p^r Annum, untill the 28th day of December in the year 1776, when a number of men armed with guns and clubs came about 8 o'clock in the morning and enquired for him the deponent who immediately went out to them, and enquiring their business, was told by one of them who appeared to be their leader, that they heard there was a quantity of salt there that their business was to buy some of it for which they would pay. The Deponent told them that he had very little salt, that the salt which was there was for the use of the family and not at his disposal, nor even under his care. he advised them to speak to M^r Chamberlaine which when they objected to he offered to send to M^r Chamberlaine himself, to which they answered that they would not wait so long. they some of them swore that they knew the key was kept there, that salt they would have and if the key was not delivered to them they would break the door. they then asked the Deponent's wife for the key and she refused to deliver it to them upon which refusal some of them said it would be the worse if the key was not deliverd at the same time the most active said, come along, come along we have talked long enough, let us be doing or nearly the same word. At which they all of them went to the door of the house where the salt lay (except Jeremiah Colston, who appeared to be their leader and who continued still to propose for the key that they might not be under necessity as he said of breaking the door) some picked up large stones others shook the door and some seem'd to stand as centinels with their guns in their hands. The deponent's wife being allarmed and fearing that other mischief might be done ran to the door and told Jere. Colston that she would open the door and show the salt upon which M^r Jere. Colston called out to the others to stop. And the Deponent's wife opened the door and Jere. Colston with most of the others went into the house where the Salt lay. the deponent being