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Handwritten copy of sworn statement re riot in Morpeth Court Leet, Northumberland, on 30 March [1780], nd. [1780]

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Edward Richardson and Andrew Fenwick Bailiffs or Cheif Magestrates of the Borough of Morpeth in the County of Northumberland Jointly and Severally make Oath & say And first these Deponents jointly say that on the 30th day of March last the Court Leet & Court Baron of the Right Hon[oura]ble Frederich Earl of Carlisle for the Mannor & Borough of Morpeth in the County of Northumberland was held in the Townhall within the slaild Borough in the presence of these Deponents as usuall & the Suitors of the S[ai]d Court were then and there called & the Jury sworn & these Dep[onen]ts say that dureing the time of holding the said Court W[illia]m Weatherhead of Morpeth /aforesaid\ sadler. James Howit of the same place Butcher Wlillialm Tate of the same place Weaver and this Deplonen't Andrew Fenwick for himself saith that he also remembers John Baites of Morpeth aforesaid Shoemaker & George Barker ---of the same place Butcher being assembled with a great number of People at in the said Court on a sudden in a Riotous man[n]er & with much Clamour & noise interrupted the Business of the said Court and the S[aid] William -Weatherhead James Hewit W[illia]m Tate and the S[ai]d Andrew Fenwick for himself saith that also the said J[ohn] Baites and George Barker with other whose names these Deponents do not now remember got upon the Table in the said Court round which the s[ai]d Court & Jury were sitting & some of those who were so got upon this s[ai]d Table as afore[sai]d struggled to take the Bible from the people that were swearing in the Said Court And these Deponents jointly Say that Thomas Weatherhead of Morpeth, afores[ai]d Hardwareman being then in Court Sitting on the Bench as an Alderman of the s[ai]d Manno & Burough of Morpeth & who ought according to his duty & oath to have Assisted in keeping the Peace of the s[ai]d Court & Borough then and there in great fury & wrath went over the said Bench onto the said Table in the Said Court among the s[ai]d Rioters & Interruptors of the Business of the said Court & the s[aid] Thomas Weatherhead an encouraged aided and assisted them in their Riotous proceedings and then the s[ai]d Tho[ma]s Weatherhead William-Weatherhead James Hewit William Tate and this Deponent Andrew -Fenwick for himself saith also the s[ai]d John Baites & John Barker gave much -

Footnote; 'ff' transcribed as F throughout.





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abuse & made a great uproar & noise in the said Court And these Dep[onen]ts say that John Orde Esg[uir]e one of his Maiesties Justices of the Peace for the County of -Northumberland being then in the s[ai]d Court & the then Deputy Steward of the s[ai]d Court endeavoured to perswade the s[ai]d Thomas Weatherhead W[illia]m Weatherhead James Hewit William Tate and others to desist from their Riotous proceedings afores[ai]d and the said Thomas Weatherhead W[illiam] Weatherhead James Hewit William Tate And the s[ai]d Andrew Fenwick for himself saith that the said John Baites & George Barker & others with them assembled Continued their Riotous proceedings without takeing any notice thereof And these Deponents say that the said Deputy Stewards /ordered\ the Serjant of the said Mannor & Borough of Morpeth aforesaid to adjourn the said Court & the said Serjant was put from his Seat in the said Court so that the said Deputy Steward Jury these Deponents and the Suitors of the s[ai]d Court left the s[ai]d Court And these Deponents further say that about three of the Clock in the afternoon of the said Thirtieth of day of March these Dep[onen]ts were present with the s[ai]d Deputy Steward of the said Court who intended as these Dep beleive to have returned to the said Townhall of the said Borough of -Morpeth with the Jurys and Suiters of the said Court to finish the Business of the said Court but being then told that a great number of People were assembled in and near the said near the said Townhall in the s[ai]d Borough of Morpeth & had used threats, the s[ai]d Deputy Steward Jurys & Suitors did not for that reason as these Deponents veryly beleive return to the said Townhall to finish the Business of the said Court And these Deponents say that the said Deputy Steward told those that were sent to him in these Deponents presence that their Riotous proceedings prevented him the said Deputy Steward from returning to the s[ai]d --

[o]r words to that or the like effect. -

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