

The Wilkes County Papers 1773-1833
By Robert Scott Davis, Jr.

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The **MILLEN** Deposition]
State of Georgia]
Wilkes County]

Personally appeared before me **STEPHEN HERD** one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace **WILLIAM MILLEN** of the county of Richmond and District of Wrightsborough in the State aforesaid who being duly sworn saith that on the twenty fourth day of this instant he the deponent was sent for by one **JAMES BOYD** to the house of **JOHN MOORE** and when he came there he found said **MOORE, BOYD, & JAMES BRYAN** talking by themselves and after some little discourse said **BOYD** told him the Deponent that he had just come from the Kings Army at Savannah and that he was going in to South Carolina to raise men to join them and desired him, the Deponent [**WILLIAM MILLEN**], to show him the way through the settlements and showed him Kings Proclamation and his instructions to raise men, upon which said **BRYAN** desired **BOYD** to go and sound Mr. **MATTOCK** for he knowed the King's Heart was in his bosom, and Deponent further saith that he believes he did, accompanied by **JOHN MOORE**, but that he the Deponent went away and met with **PETER BUFFINGTON** who told him he had seen such a man and some time after he met with one **JAMES COATES** and **JOSHUA RYAL** and told them, and that they all three went to **THOMAS ANSLEY's** and told him likewise and that said **ANSLEY RYAL & COATES** went to **JOHN MOORE** to see him and when he the Deponent went there he found with them **DAVID BALDWIN**, and the Deponent saith that they were all in discourses about the terms and when **BOYD** found out that he bore a respect for the King he showed his proclamation and the instructions he had to enlist men and further say that **ANSLEY** seemed to find some fault with them and did not seem to like the terms they were upon but **BOYD** desired them to let any friends they had or knew of know and hold themselves in readiness to march down to Augusta and give up after the the Kings Army should arrive and deponent further saith that he heard the said **BOYD** say the he intended to raise men or his friends in the south and take Augusta in about six to ten days from the date hereof and further this Deponent saith not.

Signed & Sworn before me this twenty-eighth day of January 1779.

WILLIAM MILLEN

STEPHEN HERD, Justice of Peace

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