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At Towne the tenth Day of December  
 thousand seven hundred and Sixty one years in  
 of His Majesty's reign the second year. In presence of  
 Notary Publick subscribing and witnesses after named and  
 deputed Compaired personally James Gallie Merchant of  
 Towne and paid with us to the Duxing house of  
 Robert and May Mackenlay after deputed where and in  
 the personal presence of the said May Mackenlay the said  
 James Gallie gave into me the said Notary Publick the  
 substance of the following Instrument which was read and  
 whereof the tenor followeth "James Gallie Merchant of  
 Towne do represent to you Robert Mackenlay and  
 May Mackenlay Residents in Towne that whereas  
 some malicious persons have raised and handed about  
 a Report that you Robert Mackenlay was Impressed and  
 brought aboard His Majesty's Tender the Green Dragon you  
 Robert Mackenlay or May Mackenlay your wife or some  
 other of your friends did give me a certain sum of  
 as a Bribe or reward for getting you released from the  
 Impress and as you both are sensible that I never ac-  
 cepted of a reward or Bribe for either of you  
 your friends nor did any of your friends receive any for  
 use or behoof nor was there any Bribe given on that  
 account and as you are both sensible that I on any  
 Confederation whatsoever never had any Expectation  
 from you or any other by your order for my own behoof  
 or any others other than as any other Neighbour in  
 friendly borrowing and for which I give my Security  
 And I being desirous to put a stop to such malicious  
 lying reports I hereby require of you both in presence  
 of Johna Johnston Notary Publick and witnesses  
 subscribing to certify the falsehood of such a report  
 and to give me the same under your hands and if you  
 refuse so to do I Protest that you both shall be liable  
 to some malice costs Fraights and Damages & Expenses  
 of any suits I may be at for suppressing of these  
 malicious aspersions and upon the whole I take

Instrum<sup>t</sup>



Instrumente in the County of York John Johnston  
Notary Publick and require in tracte at Whome  
this tenth Day of December one thousand seven  
hundred and sixty one year before the vertue of  
John Frazer and John Cunningham both Residents  
in the County of York James Little John Fraser James  
John Cunningham Witnesses To which Certificate and to the  
question put by the said James called to the said days  
whether or not she or her said Mother or Grand  
father or any of them had given him any thing  
as a Bride price then she answered and declared under  
oath that she and that neither she nor her Mother John  
knowledg had reported so at any time And that they  
could not be answerable or liable for what any  
person or persons might have reported by any report  
Upon which Certificate and Instrumts the said James called  
to the said Instruments into my hands and made Instrumts  
These things were acted spoken and done place and  
date for said before and in presence of the Vertue  
above named and designed specially called and  
regard to the premises of the said and the  
preceding page

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John Johnston Notary Publick