

# TRANSCRIPTION

## Oath of Allegiance Sworn in Bedford County, August–November 1777

I do Swear that I renounce & refuse all Alegiance to George the third King of great Britain his Heirs & successors\* & that I will be faithful & bear true Alegienace to the Common Wealth of Virginia as a free & Independant state & that I will not do or cause to be done any matter or thing that will be prejudicial or Injurous to the freedom & Independance thereof as Declared by Congress and also that I will Discover & make Known to some one Justice of the Peace for the said State all Treasons or Tratirous Conspiracies which I now or hereafter shall Know to be formed against this or any of the united States of America.

[126 names of men who signed between August 15 and November 26, 1777]

I do Hereby Certifie the before mentioned persons took the before mentioned Oath before me

ISHAM TALBOT {seal}

A list of the recusants I delivered to Col<sup>o</sup> Quarels but at this time dont recollect who they were

IS: TALBOT

*Notation:*

List of persons who

took the oath of

Fidelity.

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\*Talbot used the long or leading *s*, a character that looks similar to the letter "f" but is used as an "s," often as the first of a double s as in assign or address.

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