

WHEREAS a malicious Report has been propagated, that there was a Quantity of Gunpowder in the Store of Messrs. *Greg, Cunningham, and Co.* in Pettycoat Lane, at the Time of the late Fire; *Mr. Waddell*, for the Satisfaction of the Publick in this Matter, has caused the annexed Depositions to be inserted; and as no Motive can be assigned for so groundless a Charge, except that of deterring the Inhabitants from lending their friendly Assistance in such Time of Distress, and thereby exposing the Property of the Sufferers to a set of merciless Villains, who are too frequently lying in Wait for such Opportunities: It is hoped the Endeavours of all good Men will be used to discover the Author of the above Report, who is most deservedly the Object of publick Resentment.

City of New-York,) ss.

Personally appeared before me *Dirck Brinckerhoff*, Esq; Alderman for the said City, *Robert Ross Waddell*, of the said City, Merchant, one of the Partners in the House of *Greg, Cunningham and Co.* who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, did depose and say, That they have rented a Store for several Years last past, in Pettycoat Lane, and that at the Time the Fire communicated thereto on the Morning of the 28th of March last, there was not, nor has there been at any Time before or since, any Gun-powder stored therein, to the best of this Deponent's Knowledge and Belief.

ROBERT ROSS WADDELL.

Sworn before me this 2d Day

of April, 1768, *DIRCK BRINCKERHOFF.*

City of New-York,) ss.

THIS Day personally appeared before me *Dirck Brinckerhoff*, Esq; Alderman of the said City; *Hugh Davis & John Falls*, both of the said City, who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God; do severally depose and say, That they have lived in the House of *Greg, Cunningham, and Co.* for some Year past, and do well know the Store which the said Company have hired in Pettycoat Lane; that there is not now, nor has there been at any Time before, any Gun-powder stored in the aforesaid store, to the best of their Knowledge and Belief. And farther these Deponents say not.

Hugh Davis & John Falls,

Sworn before me this second Day

of April, 1768. *DIRCK BRINCKERHOFF.*