

Case No. 36024

State of New Jersey v. Henry Huffman
Indictment for Misdemeanor (Seditious Words; on August 1, 1778, Henry Huffman, in
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Sussex : 1778

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36024	Indictment for Misdemeanor (Seditious Words; on August 1, 1778, Henry Huffman, in conversation with Mathias Kinnerman, is accused of uttering seditious words) Henry Huffman was heard to say: "Why did you go of your own accord to take ye oaths. You was [sic] wrong in so doing. I was forced to take them but I don't care for them, for I have shit them out again." See also: SOY00001-Sussex County Oyer & Terminer Minutes, September 15-23, 1778, page 14-15	Sussex	1778

PLAINTIFF	State of New Jersey
DEFENDANT	Huffman, Henry (Yeoman) ([Hoffman; Hoofman]; of Knowlton)
OFFICIAL	Broderick, Anthony (Justice of the Peace)
OFFICIAL	McCollum, Jacob (Justice of the Peace)
OFFICIAL	Paterson, William (Attorney General)
OFFICIAL	Symmes, Timothy (Justice of the Peace)
JUROR	Biddleman, Valentine
JUROR	Cleckner, Peter
JUROR	Corselius, Peter
JUROR	Dildine, Uriah
JUROR	Giles, Abraham
JUROR	Huft, Benjamin
JUROR	Johnson, Court
JUROR	Lunger, Jacob

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JUROR	McKinney, Abraham
JUROR	Noadiah, Wade
JUROR	Perry, Joseph
JUROR	Pritzman, Frederick
JUROR	Schooley, John
JUROR	Sharp, John
JUROR	Shiner, Stephen
JUROR	Smith, Hezekiah
JUROR	Wright, John
JURY FOREMAN	Adams, Evi (Esquire)

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Seditious words

Sedition / treason

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Supra. Joff^m

The State }
 (w) Henry Hoffman }
 Indt. Ind. }
 Middem.

Sup^t. Term 188.

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Ever Adame Foreman

The Def^t. app^d. & being
 Charged pleaded Not
 Guilty & puts himself
 upon his Country & Lick

Wm. Patterson A.D. Gen.

Supers, At the general quarter sessions of the peace holden
at Newton in and for the County of Supers, the
Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, before
Anthony Brodick, Jacob M. Colburn and Timothy
Symmes Esqrs. Justices of the Peace of the
State of New Jersey, Assigned to keep the peace of
New Jersey, in the said County, and also to hear
and determine divers, felonies, Treasons &
other Misdemeanors in the said County committed
by the Banns of W. Adams Esq. Wadsworth Wade
Abraham M. Minney, Peter Lechner, Stephen
Munro, Abraham Giles, Roger Smith, Peter
Casselius, Joseph Perry, Uriah Dildine, Frederick
Brizman, John Schooley, Valentine Biddleman,
Court Johnson, John Wright, Benjamin Huft,
Jacob Lungor, John Sharp, good & lawfull Men
of the County aforesaid sworn & charged to Inquire for
the S. State, and for the Body of the County of
Supers aforesaid. It is presented that Henry Hoffman
late of Knowlton in the County of Supers Geoia.
being a pernicious and disaffected Man, & a Person
of a Turbulent Mind and seditious Disposition
& of a ~~disaffected~~ Carodation, and Contriving, practising &
falsely maliciously, Revisedly, and seditiously
Contriving & intending to encourage & promote
disaffection ~~among~~ to this State among the subjects
thereof

thereof, and also to dispose the^r Subjects, to favour the
Pretensions of ^{the} Enemy & also to Alienate & draw
the said Subjects from their Allegiance to the said
State, on the first Day of August in the Year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
Twenty eight, in a Convention he then & there
had, with a certain Matthias Thinneman a
Subject of the said, of and concerning the Oaths of
Abjuration & Allegiance to the said State, did then &
there in the presence & hearing of the said Matthias
Thinneman, falsely, maliciously, advisedly,
and seditiously, say, utter, speak, affirm, pronounce
and declare with a loud Voice these false, feigned,
malicious, seditious and opprobrious English
Words, following, Why did you / (the s. Math. meaning)
go of your own Accord before to take of Oaths / (Meaning
the of Oaths of Abjuration & Allegiance) you / (the
s. Math. meaning) was wrong in so doing / (Meaning
the said Henry meaning) was forced to take them
(the of Oaths meaning) but I don't care for them
(the s. Oaths still meaning) I / (himself s. said Henry
again meaning) have shut them out again / (Meaning
that he did not pay any regard to the s. Oaths he had
solemnly taken to the said & pernicious Example of
all others in the like Case offending against the
form of the Act of the Council & General Assembly
in

in such Case made & provided, against the peace of
this State, the Government and Dignity of the same,
Wm Paterson Att. Gen.