

Minutes of the Committee and of the First Commission for Detecting and Defeating
Conspiracies in the State of New York
(Committee on Conspiracies)
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Committee/Council of Safety meeting held at Warner's Tavern in King's District

August 21, 1777

It was reported that "... a number of Persons to be apprehended, who are now in Custody here. Jacob Diamond one of the prisoners being brought before the Board & Sworn, saith; that last Winter he enlisted under Andrew Palmerton in the service of the Enemy, & that he saw Corns McCagg enlist also. That after the act of Grace was published he took the Benefit thereof by taking the Oath of Allegiance before Major Hide, that he understood from the following Persons, that they were determined to go with Palmerton to join the Enemy." Among those listed who were supposed to join the enemy was Isaac Diamond who was then a prisoner in King's District. He was further examined and stated that "Francis Hogall advised the dept to Enlist under Palmerton, & said that he was enlisted himself, and that James Robbins also advised him to enlist ..."

August 22, 1777

At the meeting of the Committee they resolved to send Isaac Diamond, then in jail, to the fleet prison in Esopus. They also declared that another sixteen men were 'Dangerous Enemies to the American Cause' and sent them to Esopus also. Jacob Diamond was among those sent. He escaped the prison and joined the British service.

According to the pension application of Gamaliel Taylor of Beekman, when Taylor was a soldier in Capt. Ezekiel Cooper's Company of Rangers: "at Red Hook on the Hudson River the company captured a British Spy by the name of Jacob Dimon who later escaped from his guard."

Commission for Conspiracies
New York, Albany County 1778-1781
August 3, 1780

John Ryley appeared before the Board and informed that he had apprehended Jacob Smith and Jacob Dymant for stealing two horses from Fred Barringer, and that on his way to said Barringer's he was overtaken by Marcus Dymant who offered him a sum of money to let said Jacob Smith and Jacob Dymant make their escape, and that afterwards the said Jacob Smith and Jacob Dymant struck him the said John Ryley on the head and by that means made their escape in which they were assisted by the said Marcus Dymant, being a person disaffected to the American cause. Thereupon resolved that a warrant be made out directed to Phillip Herwig commanding him with the assistance of six men apprehend the said Jacob Smith , Jacob Dymant and Marcus Dymant and bring them before us.

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