

ing; waited at the door a minute or two; people were running down in twos and threes at a time; at length the noise subsided, and seemed to be down by Dock square; hearing the bells ring and the cry of fire, I asked where it was; was answered there was none, but the inhabitants and soldiers were fighting; there soon came a party of soldiers from the southward, ten or twelve, I think, with bayonets in their hands, but I apprehended no danger from them; stood on the step of the door; they appeared to be pushing right down the street; then they lifted up their weapons, and I began to apprehend danger; they said something, I do not know what it was, but I went in as fast as I could, and shut the door immediately; went up, looked out of the window, and saw people flying here and there like pigeons, and the soldiers running about like mad men in a fury, till they got to the bottom of the street.

*John Appleton.* Am a son of Nathaniel Appleton; about nine o'clock was sent on an errand into King street; heard a noise and ran out of the shop where I could see what was the matter; saw some talking to the sentry; thought they were going to quarrel, and came away; coming to Jenkins' alley, my brother with me, there came out about twenty soldiers with cutlasses in their hands; my brother fell and they ran past him, and were going to kill me; I said, "soldiers, spare my life"; one of them said, "no, damn you, we will kill you all;" he lifted his cutlass and struck at my head, but I dodged and got the blow on my shoulder; believe

the cutlass was not drawn, for it rattled on my shoulder as if it had been sheathed.

*Thomas Marshall.* Am a tailor; lived in the next house to the custom house; was at Colonel Jackson's a few minutes after nine on the fifth of March; when I came out into Dock square, all was quiet; saw no persons in the whole square; came up Royal Exchange lane; saw nobody there; saw the sentry at the head of it in peace and quietness; nobody troubling; never saw King street more quiet in my life; went into my house, and in half a minute heard the cry of murder once or twice; I opened the front door; but saw nobody; heard a noise, which seemed to come from Rowe's barracks; stopped a little space, and the first I saw enter King street was a party from the main guard, ten or twelve of whom came rushing out violently, their arms glittering by the moonlight, and crying out, "Damn them, where are they; by Jesus let them come"; some of them turned into Pudding lane, and some went by the town-house steps; I went in and told my family to keep themselves easy, for there was no disturbance near the house; I went to the door again, and saw a party about the head of Quaker lane; they used much the same expressions as the aforesaid party, and cried fire; they passed over the way; I am not positive now; there were a few boys round the sentry; I went and said, "Boys, you have no business with the sentry, go off"; and they went away; have often seen boys with the sentry, and often heard words; the bells were then ring-