

unto the Two Commissioners who are to Cause it to be publicly read & then to Declare that they accept of the said Commission. Lib. H. D.

This being done they are to Choose a Notary publick who is to write downe the Depositions of the Witnesses when they Come to be Examined.

After the ship shall be taken & brought into any of the s^d places You are to Cause three or four of the principall of the Company (whereof the Master his Mate & the pilot to be always 3) to be Examined upon the Interrogatorys annext to the Commission & the Examiner must take this Method.

Every Witness must be Examined single & alone by himself and before he is Examined he must be sworne after this Manner laying his hand on the Booke you shall at the time of your Examination speak the truth the whole truth & nothing but the truth without favour or Affection to either party So help you God then Kiss the Booke when this is done the Examiner in p^sence of the Com^{rs} or any one of them must read over distinctly the Interrogatorys annext to the Commission & then he must write the head of the Deposition after this Manner

Here putt down the Day of the Month & year.

A. B. Aged years or thereabouts born in & Ma^r or what place he has in the Shipp

To the first Interrogatory he answereth & Deposeth that then you must sett down at length the Witnesses Answer to the severall Questions in the first Interrogatory for it is not sufficient to put down to any of the Interrogatorys p. 295
This is true in the Generall for the Witness must answer particularly & distinctly to each Question And you are to breake off at the end of every Interrogatory and begin after the first.

To the second Interrogatory &c. And so on to them all for the Witness must be examined distinctly to every one Where a Witness can Depose to part of an Interrogatory & not to all After you have taken downe what he Can say you must Conclude thus And otherwise he cannot further Depose to this Interrogatory

Where a Witness is Examined upon an Interrogatory & he knows nothing of it you are to write down thus.

To the Interrogatory he answereth that he knows nothing of it nor can Depose thereto.

All papers & Writings found on board the prize must be shewed to the Witness at the time of his Examination and after the Witness is Examined his Deposition must be read