

The Examination of William Ahier Master of the Ship two Lib. C. B.  
Brothers taken before the Governor and Council of the P. 377  
Province of Maryland this 22<sup>d</sup> Day of June 1749.

This Examinant being first sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and Saith That being with his said Ship at the Island of S<sup>t</sup> Jago One of the Cape De Verd Islands on or about the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of April last past he was with the Commanding Officer of Port of Pra whose Title was Captain More Overall, and was acquainted by the means of his Interpreter th<sup>t</sup> a Certain Captain Davison (whom he described to be Master of the Ship Mary a Person that had a Short finger and a woman on board) had stole five Negro Slaves and One free Man from the said Island, Two of which belonged to the said Captain More Overall, and that one of the said Negroes was a Trumpeter and the other a Fiddler and also at the same time two Letters were delivered to this Examinant, One of which was directed by this Examinant at the desire of the said More Overall to the Governor of Maryland and the Other to the Governor of Virginia.

William Ahier

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Saturday the first Day of July in the 35<sup>th</sup> year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Dni 1749

Present as on 22<sup>d</sup> of June

William Cook and Robert Watson appearing at this Board were examined as follows.

The Examination of William Cook Apprentice to Captain Davison of the Ship Mary now lying at Anchor in the Province of Maryland taken before the Governor & Council of the said Province this first day of July Anno Dom. 1749.

This Examinant being first sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith That he with some others rowed from the Island of S<sup>t</sup> Jago on board the Ship Mary One Lope and three Negroes, That some time afterwards this Examinant went a Shoar again with the said Lope that the said Lope returned again with his Son and brought three more Negroes with him who were with the said Lope and son carried on board the said Ship that this Examinant believes it might then [be] about nine or Ten a Clock at night, This Examinant further saith that he was in the Cabin and heard Lope and the Captain make a Bargain for the said Negroes that he saw the Captain turn them about and examine them that the Captain gave Lope a Cheese and a Shirt for one of the Negroes p. 378