

Lib. C. B. being an old Man, and that he gave Money and Goods for the Rest of them, and that the said Lope carried the Goods on Shoar with him the same Night, and that the Ship Sailed Early the next Morning and that he saw the said Lope shake hands with all the Negroes when he went a Shoar This Examinant further Saith that he did not see one of the Negroes handcuffed nor tyed when they were brought on board nor at any time during their Voyage.

The mark × of William E. Cook.

This Examinant further saith that two Pistols and One Musket were put into the Boat when they left the Ship, and that when the Boat came to the Shoar Lope and the Doctor went on Shoar, and Lope had one Pistol, he doth not know whether the Doctor had the Other Pistol, but this Examinant did not see the Other Pistol remaining in the Boat

The mark × of William Cook

The Examination of Robert Watson Cook to Captain Davison of the Ship *Mary* now Lying at Anchor in Patuxent River in the Province of Maryland before the Governor and Council of the said Province this first day of July Anno Domini 1749.

This Examinant being first Sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that on the night of the first Monday in March last he being at the Island of St Jago on board the said Ship he was Ordered by Captain Davison to Carry one Lope a Shoar who had brought three Negroes on board the said Ship, that waiting some time upon the Beach for the said Lopes Return he Came with his Son and brought three Other Negroes with them that he helped to row them on board This Examinant further Saith that after some Stay on board the Ship the said Lope and his Son went on Shoar and carried in the Boat with them some Cheese and Other Goods that this Examinant handed some Salt on board the boat and that he saw Lope shake hands with all the Negroes at their Parting; And this Examinant further saith that when this Examinant was unwilling to go into the Boat upon which the Captain damned him and asked him why he did not go that this Examinant went into the Boat and at the same time two muskets & two Pistols were put into the Boat and when the Boat came to the Shoar Lope & the Doctor went out of the Boat on Shoar and took the Pistols and after some Stay they returned and brought three Negroes who being put into the Boat Lope and the Doctor also came in and the Boat immediately returned to the Ship but this Examinant never Saw any of the Negroes handcuffed, or tyed.

Robert Watson