

Lib. J. R. River, and hath heard and believes that she is now in West  
& U. S. River in Maryland.

12.. March 1761.

Vallentine Mulkere

Sworn before the Governor and Council

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Thomas Dale Mariner Mate of the Schooner Industry of which Vallentine Mulkere is Master having been sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that in the Morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1761: as the aforesaid Schooner was sailing down the Bay of Chesapeak in Company with the Brig-Sally Captain Smith who was bound to New York he the Deponent being on Board the said Schooner discovered and met the Brig Marlbro' a little to the Northward of New-point-Comfort that when the said Schooner, and Brig Marlbro' were within about a hundred Yards of each other the said Valentine Mulkere hailed the Brig asking the Master of the Brig whence he came, and was answered from Jamaica, that then Captain Mulkere ordered the other to bring too, in Order that he Mulkere might over-hawl his the Marlbro's Masters Papers, that the said Marlbro's Master having accordingly brought to Valentine Mulkere went on Board the Marlbro' and after about half an Hour returned to his own Schooner, and then sent his Boat to bring the Master of the Marlbro together with his Papers on Board the said Schooner, that the said Master accordingly was brought and when he came on Board delivered up his Papers to Captain Mulkere, that Captain Mulkere having perused the Papers put them into the Hands of the Deponent and he the Deponent examined them but found no English Papers among them (except a Register for a Schodner which was dated at Boston, the rest of the Papers which as he thinks were six or seven in Number being in some foreign Language, but in what Language he the Deponent doth not know that as soon as he the Deponent had examined the Papers Captain Mulkere sent two of his own Crew on Board the Brig with Orders to bring to him two Foreigners which he Mulkere had observed on Board the said Brig, that as soon as the Boat got alongside the Brig, the Mate of said Brig and the rest of her Crew jumped into the Boat and came on Board the Schooner whereupon Captain Mulkere desired the Mate of the Marlbro' to return with a few of his Men and assist him the Deponent in taking Care of the Brig, but that the Marlbro's Mate refused to do so, declaring that he would not touch a Rope on Board her, that then Captain Mulkere ordered the Deponent to go with four of his Mulkere's Men and his Commission or Letter of Mart in