

sisted of Eighty one Hogsheads of white Sugar, and being asked where they were shipped or taken on Board the said Brig, the said Examinant saith that he was not on Board when the said Sugars were taken in by the said Brig, that they were cleared for this Province at and from Salem on Delaware Bay, and that his last Clearance before his Arrival at Salem aforesaid, was from Monti-Christo in Hispaniola, which Clearance he has left on Board the said Brig now lying in West-River: And this Examinant further saith, that upon the said Brig's Mate, who is named Middleton Belt's asking this Examinant (a little before his and Crew's leaving the said Schooner in her Boat as aforesaid) if he had his Papers this Examinant said no, that he knew not where they were, that the last Time this Examinant had seen them was in a little Trunk in the Captain's Chest in the Cabbin of the said Schooner, and that upon this the said Schooners' Captain offered this Examinant his Keys, to which Offer this Examinant answered that he had no Business with them and refused to take them, all which was after this Examinant had Possession of the said Schooner, This Examinant saith he believes that the Captain of the Schooner and his Men then on Board her, were confined, but knows not whether they were tyed or no, but saith that before this Examinant and his People arrived on Board the said Brig from the said Schooner, he this Examinant did see the Schooner's People then on Board her walking about on her Deck: This Examinant further saith that he neither knows nor believes any Money was either by himself or by any of his People taken from on Board the said Schooner and as to any Cutlasses or Muskets he saith that he knows nothing of any such being taken from on Board the Schooner by any of this Examinant's People, but saith that the Schooner's Mate and two Men who were by the Schooner's Captain sent on Board the said Brig to take Care of her carried with them some Cutlasses and Muskets but knows not how many of either, and further saith that what Cutlasses and Muskets they carried as aforesaid on Board the said Brig they upon leaving the said Brig to return to the said Schooner carried from off the said Brig with them. And this Examinant further saith that he never did take the said Schooner's Helm into his Hand, but saith that he was standing very near to one of his own People who was steering the said Schooner; And this Examinant further saith that upon the Resolution formed between the Master and Mate of the said Schooner to carry this Examinant and the Brig aforesaid to Providence, this Examinant said he was not willing to be carried out to Sea but was ready and willing to attend the

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