

he would pay them their Wages and Pounds on such Condition or as a Reward for their assisting him, that immediately after this the Schooner's Mate (as this Examinant hath been told he is) with some others he thinks four of the Schooner's Crew went on Board the Brig carrying some Cutlasses with them but how many he does not know, that soon afterwards the Examinant hearing the Person who commanded the Schooner (being the same that under the Title of Mate had first visited the Brig) say that he would carry the Vessel (meaning as he supposes the Brig) to Providence, the Examinant and his Comrades said that it was very hard to be carried so far, as there were many Ports or Harbours nigh, to which they were willing and ready to go, that thereupon the said Person declared that he would put the Examinant and his Comrades in Irons, and forthwith sent one of his People into the Cabbin for Irons, and a Pair of Fetters were accordingly brought but that the Examinant's Comrades or some of them saying it would be very hard for English Men to be put in Irons on Board an English Vessel, as they apprehended the Schooner was and begging that he would not treat them in such a Manner, he did not proceed to put any of them in Irons or to confine them the Examinant further saith that soon after this had passed on Board the Schooner which was then standing down the Bay after the Brig the Brig being as he imagines about a Mile a head, it was discovered by the People on the Schooner's Deck that the Boat was broke loose from the Brig, whereupon the Schooner stood towards the Boat and she was taken or picked up—as he thinks, by one of the Brig's Crew, but the Examinant says he does not remember who at that Time had Command of the Schooner nor what Person had hold of her Helm, that the Boat being taken and secured, the Schooner stood after the Brig and this Examinant saith that when the said Schooner came up with her or was very near the Brig some of the Brig's Crew hoisted a Whiff to the Top Mast Head but he does not remember that any Orders were given by any one for making such Signal, nor does he remember that any Person on Board the Schooner hailed the Brig at that Time or forbad the People on Board her to obey or regard the Signal abovementioned: This Examinant further saith that at the Time when the Whiff was hoisted as is abovementioned some of the Schooner's People were tied on the Deck but he doth not know how many of them were tyed, how long they had been tied, or who tyed them, nor does he remember on what Part of the Deck, these were whom he saw tyed: This Examinant saith that the Schooner coming up with the Brig soon after the above-

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