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Before the Gouverno^r & Cap^t Tho: Cornewaleys Ass^t. The Exaōn of Thomas Barrett taken in a Vessell in the Roade in S^t Georges Riuer uppou suspicion of Piracy &c: 31th May 1659.

Vppou Examinaōn of Thomas Barrett one of the Company of the Ship May flower, confesseth, That of, of the Westernne Ilands one Cap^t Collard Groues, by Commisⁿ from the King of Portugall tooke this Ship, & putt him & six more in her, That hee & they runne away wth her, And further sayth That hee putt those seamen th^t were taken in her on shoare, & was left by them att Antego. And th^t shee was a Dutch Ship belonging to Amsterdam. And th^t the ships name (as hee takes it) was called the Maria th^t tooke her, & th^t shee was about 150 Tunne of a Dunkirke built, of Ten Gunns, wth about 150 men. This day Month they left the Man of Warre.

p. 270 The Examⁿ of James Mountioy taken as afore uppou Suspition of Piracy.

James Mountioy, Master of the s^d Vessell confesseth, That on the third day of May last, some in Barbados did informe him that the s^d Vessell was a lawfull price, And th^t shee was laden wth Jewes goods. Whereuppon hee & six more, wth out any Commisⁿ went and tooke her. And th^t hee did belong to Cap^t Alexander ffarlow of London the Rich Bonaventure of seauen guns. And th^t hee & the rest were abused by their seuerall Masters, & did this to right themselues, & that hee mett the rest by accident in an Alehowse. And that there was Thirty sayle of English ships in the Roade, sayd, well done Boyes, & suffered them to carry her away. And th^t they gaue the Gouvernour of Antego an Anker of Brandy, & fower holland Cheeses; & left the skipper, & three men more there.

The Examⁿ of Mathew Benham taken as afores^d uppou suspition of Piracy

Mathew Benham Gunner of the s^d ship, sayth, that hee did belong to Cap^t Groues (& th^t his Sir name was Groues) And th^t they Clapt her aboard being seauen in number & tooke her, wth ffowerteene men & Boys in her. And th^t he did not know what place hee was neare when they tooke her: But he supposed they were Eight hund^d Leagues att Sea. And th^t the Master could giue an account, And th^t hee knew not what Cap^t Groues Ship was called.

Att a Councill held att S^t Maries p^o Junij 1659

June p^o P^ent

Josias ffendall Esq^r Gou^r } Cap^t William Stone } Coth John Price.
Philip Caluert Esq^r Sec^r } M^r Job Chandler }

The Gou^r informed the Councill th^t there was a ship come into S^t Georges Riuer, w^{ch} pretended shee came from Yarmouth in England & th^t shee had come immediatly from ffrance. That demanding