

**Liber P C** of London M<sup>r</sup>chant Signe Seale & deliver as his Act & Deed to the use of Thomas Peighin Marriner the Writing in Parchment Indented now produced in Court & Showne unto him faire and uncanceled purporting a Charter party of Affreightment made betweene the said Thomas Peighin Mariner & Master of the Good Shipp or Vessel called the Ruth of London burthen two hundred tonns or thereabouts then rideing att Anchor in the River of Thames London of the one part And the Said George ffulford of London M<sup>r</sup>chant of the other part bearing date the seaven & Twentieth day of September One Thousand six hundred Seaventy five to which this Depon<sup>t</sup> hath Endorsed his name as a Wittness as thereby may appeare And the said Depon<sup>t</sup> Robert Barton by & for himselfe saith & deposeth, that the said George ffulford absented himselfe from the Royall Exchange London about the beginning of November last, & hath never since appeared thereon as this Depon.<sup>t</sup> knoweth or hath ever heard And that itt was then discoursed by the M<sup>r</sup>chants & others that he the said ffulford was failed in his Creditt And this Depon.<sup>t</sup> further saith that there was severall Bills of Exchange accepted by the said ffulford which were afterwards by him this Depon.<sup>t</sup> & other Notaries protested for want of better security & att tyme due for want of payment And these Deponents Edward Allen & Robert Barton doe further joyntly say & depose, that on the tenth instant M.<sup>r</sup> Thomas Dade of London M<sup>r</sup>chant one of the owners of the said Shipp Ruth doe goe (accompanied with these Depon.<sup>ts</sup>) to the late dwelling house of the said George ffulford, sicutate in Princes street & there (in regard he could not learne where the said ffulford now lives) did demand the ffreight payable tenn dayes after advice or notice that the Shipp was arrived att Virginia, which the said Dade then shewing to these Deponents declared he received the seaventh of June last (as itt appears by the Post house marke & his the said Dades annotacones upon itt) and there being a man Servant in the said ffulfords late house answered the said Dade (upon his demanding the said ffreight to be paid as aforesaid) that the said ffulford & his whole ffamily were gone from thence, & did not know where he the said ffulford was to be found, & that itt was discoursed amongst the Neighbourhood that he was broke Nathaniel Wood of the parish of S.<sup>t</sup> Mary Abchurch London Cooper aged Thirty three yeares or thereabouts Sworne & Examined att the instance & request of Thomas Dade of London M<sup>r</sup>chant deposeth & saith upon his Corporall Oath, that there was Sold by the said Requestant Dade on or about the ninth Of October last past to Cap.<sup>t</sup> George ffulford of London M<sup>r</sup>chant & by his Order laden att this Port of London board the Shipp called the Ruth of London Thomas Peighin Master two Punchones of Brandy containing two hundred Thirty foure Gallons after the rate of forty foure pounds tenn shillings ʒ Tonn which amounted to forty one pounds six shillings & foure pence