

Liber N N ninth day of September One thousand six hundred sixty seven being part owner of the good Shipp called the Richard & James of Bristoll aforesaid of which the said W<sup>m</sup> Nichols was then Master, for & on the behalfe of himselfe & the Rest of the owners of the said Shipp for the consideracons therein menconed did Grant & to ffreight lett twenty five tunn of the tunnage of the said Shipp unto the said Richard Royston And in consideracon thereof the said Richard

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