

On April 1703 upon his Oath said — I do know both
 the and Def^s — And some time before I was Employed
 by Mr Forbes to goe with him to Kent there was a vessel
 in Abbe's his Cretche which I supposed was in Capt Phillip
 Service and had a great deal of water in her. So that she
 be near Sinking and after wards I heard that it was the five
 = man boat

In my Judgment she was not fitt for service which lay at
 Kennimons landing for she was very leaky and her Sailes
 bad: her running rigging tolerably good she had a Grapp
 = ling Iron which I heard Mr Forbes gott of Mr Knowles and
 a boat which the said Forbes poured in one voyage over
 to Kent: the five man boat proved soe leaky that we were
 fowle to pump one in two hours constantly

In one voyage to Kent the five man boat proved soe leaky
 being deep laden that if bad weather had happened we
 expected better security from our boat then in her

In my Judgment she was not over laden and did not as I know
 of receive any damage either in loading or unloading

I do hear Mr Forbes importune Edward Russell and Ralph
 Stevens to goe with the five man boat to Choptant but
 Ralph Stevens would not goe declaring that he would not
 venture his life in her she was soe leaky

The five man boat was very leaky the time that I was on
 board of her

Mr Forbes did pay Russell and Stevens before they came
 away with the five man boat

The five man boat was very leaky and the Sailes soe bad that
 the fore saile split and became unserviceable

All the time I was on board her she was unfit for service in
 my Judgment — And further saith nothing

The answer of Richard Bruffe to the interrogatories proposed by
 Alexander Forbes Compt^s & Nicholas Lowe Defendant the sixteenth
 day of April 1703: Upon his oath said

I know both Compt^s and Defendant Still