

- 4th After the five man boat was brought to the Towne she was very leaky and sunk
- 9th she was soe leaky that she sunk
- 10th I doe not know whether she was serviceable or not

The answer of Richard Austin to the severall Interrogatories proposed by Alexander Forbes Comptroler against Nicholas Lowe Deft^r April the twelfth 1703 upon his oath said

- 1 I know both Comptroler and Deft^r
- 3 The five man boat was very leaky but she did carry her loading safe to Kent with great care and labour in pumping: and coming from Kent in a small Storme of Wind her foresayle was soe rotten that it bore to pieces
- 5 She was laden deepe but whether over laden my Judgment does not informe me: she did not receive any Damage that I knew of either in loading or unloading
- 6 Mr Forbes did very much importune Edward Russell and Ralph Stevens to carry the five man boat to Choptank but they refused their reasons I know not
- 7 Mr Forbes did give Edward Russell and Ralph Stevens money but upon what amount I know not
- 8 She was very leaky but in noe danger of sinking because we kept her clear with reasonable pumping the foresayle was rotten and split to pieces with a small gust of Wind but the maine saile held
- 10 The vessel was very leaky but with care and labour carried her loading safe to Kent but whether fitt for service I know not: being not skilled in such matters
- 12 The five man boat was very leaky soe that if we had not beene careful to pump her night and day she would have damaged her loading: I and another was hired when the boat lay at Kennebecke landing but for what purpose I know not for my owne part I went by my then Masters orders and laboured on the rest of the Company
- Nihil

Which said Deposition on behalfe of the Comptroler being read it was ordered that the Deposition of on behalfe of the Deftendant be likewise read which likewise follows in these words

To the severall questions proposed by Mr Nicholas Lowe