

Day of Septemb^r. aforesaid sett Saylor with the said Shipp upon the
 said intended Voyage, but by Distress of weather he was forced to
 the Island of Barbados to repair & amend his Shipp as aforesaid
 being much shattered & damaged and the Comp^{ty} being a stranger
 in that place & by reason thereof not able to procure Credit for the
 repaying amending & refitting the said Shipp without breaking
 bulk & exposing to Sale some of the goods of the said George
 Shufford for payment thereof, the Comp^{ty} did apply himselfe to
 the Defend^t Leach Factor & Consignor of the said George Shufford
 for his advice & assistance for the payment of the money that
 should be due for the repaying of the Shipp aforesaid and therein
 upon he the said Edward Leach forbad the Comp^{ty} to meddle with
 the Sale of any the said Shufford's goods, but promised that in case
 the Comp^{ty} would signe & affirm two bills of Lading he then
 had ready drawn the one to the said George Shufford & the other
 to the said Edward Leach for the goods in the said Shipp to be
 delivered to the said Edward at the Port in Maryland he would
 lay out & disburse soe much as the said Shipp should cost repaying
 as aforesaid to hereupon the Comp^{ty} was constrained by necessity
 notwithstanding he knew not of any Interest the said Leach had
 in the said goods in his owne proper right not being soe much
 as named in the said Charter party, but all the goods in the
 said Shipp were bound to the Comp^{ty} as security as aforesaid
 was perswaded & drawn by the said Leach to signe & affirm
 two Bills of Lading as aforesaid and the said Shipp being
 repayed & refitted to sea as aforesaid did in short tyme
 afterwards to wit upon the third Day of May One thousand
 six hundred seveny six arrive in the Port of Maryland, &
 immediatly upon her arrivall he the said Comp^{ty} at the
 request of the said Edward Leach caused most part of the said
 Shufford's goods to be landed & putt a Shoare at the said Leach
 his Store, & was ready to have putt the residue on Shoare
 & to have used all the Endeavours possibly for relading her
 with Tobacco for England according to the said Charter party
 But the Comp^{ty} & John Westroate chiefe Mate of the said Shipp
 & severall other of the Seamen of the said Shipp having
 received certaine Intelligence from London by Letters
 that the said George Shufford was broken & gone a side and
 that a Commission of Bankrupt was taken out against him
 or threated to be taken out, & that caution was thereby
 given to the Comp^{ty} & Seamen to secure the hire of the said
 Shipp & Seamen's wages & the Charge for the Victuals
 & Port duties either by the said goods Imported or by the
 Tobacco the produce thereof Exported or else they must
 expect to receive nothing at the Port of discharge at
 London from the said Shufford and thereupon the said
 Mate & Seamen came to the Comp^{ty} to have Satisfaction
 made them for their wages, hire which paid they refused
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