

As followeth And first the said Edward Allen by & for himselfe
 saith & deposeth, that he was present & did see George Shulford of
 London Merchant Signe Scale & deliver as his Act & Deed to the
 use of Thomas Beighin Mariner the writing in Parchment
 Indented now produced in Court & shown unto him faire and
 uncounterfeited purporting a Charter party of Affreightment made
 betwene the said Thomas Beighin Mariner & Master of the good
 Shipp or Vessell called the Rulph of London burthen two hundred
 tonns or thereabouts then riding at Anchor in the River of
 Thames London of the one part And the said George Shulford
 of London Merchant of the other part bearing Date the seventh
 & Twentieth day of September One Thousand six hundred seventy
 five to which this Depon^t hath Endorsed his name as a witness
 as therewith may appear And the said Depon^t Robert Barton
 by & for himselfe saith & deposeth, that the said George Shulford
 absented himselfe from the Royall Exchange London about the
 beginning of November last, & hath never since appeared thereon
 as this Depon^t knoweth or hath ever heard And that it was
 then discoursed by the Merchants & others that the said
 Shulford was failed in his Credit And this Depon^t further
 saith that there was severall Bills of Exchange accepted by
 the said Shulford which were afterwards by him this
 Depon^t & other Notaries protested for want of better security
 & at tyme due for want of payment And these Deponents
 Edward Allen & Robert Barton doe further jointly say &
 depose, that on the tenth instant M^r Thomas Dade of London
 Merchant one of the Owners of the said Shipp Rulph doo goe
 (accompanied with these Depon^ts) to the late dwelling
 house of the said George Shulford, situate in Princes Street
 & there (in regard he could not learne where the said
 Shulford now liveth) did demand the Freight payable ten
 dayes after advice or notice that the Shipp was arrived at
 Virginia, which the said Dade then shewing to these Deponents
 declared he received the seventh of June last (as it appears
 by the Lost house mark & that the said Dade an notary
 upon it) and there being a man servant in the said Shulford
 late house, answered the said Dade (upon his demanding the
 said Freight to be paid as aforesaid) that the said Shulford & his
 whole family were gone from thence, & did not know where he
 the said Shulford was to be found, & that it was discoursed
 amongst the Neighbourhood that he was brot^e Nathaniel
 Wood of the parish of S^t. Mary Abchurch London Cooper
 aged Thirty three yeares or thereabouts Sworne & Examined
 at the instance & request of Thomas Dade of London Merchant
 deposeth & saith upon his Corporall Oath, that there was
 sold by the said Requestant Dade on or about the ninth
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