

Captain John Browns Ship in Plymouth, when Capt Goad came on board the said ship, and the said Captain Goad enquired of the said Browne for one Benjamin Ricard who he expected to find there bound for Maryland, but the said Brown did tell him no such Person was there; whereupon the said Captain Goad desired the said Browne to permit him a Passage aboard the Ship Baity Mr Perry Browns Ship riding in the same harbour, and the said Goad going on board the said ship with Captain John Browne where the said Goad met with the said Benjamin Ricard; and there delivered unto him a Packet of Letters directed to this Province of Maryland for their Majestys Service but after the two Browns Ships was out at Sea, and Coll Coursey and Capt Hinson Passengers in the said Perry Browns Ship, they made many Visits, sometimes on Board one Ship and the other, and Coursey Hinson, Lillingston, Langan with Mr Perry Brown and some others in the said ship did all agree and resolve to make a Private Search in the said ship to find out the said Packet of Letters and if they could by any ways find them out, was all agreed to break them open, and see the contents of what was in them, but could not tell whither the said Letters was found or not, no otherwise then that he did hear the said Ricard say that such a Packet of Letters had been taken out of his chest

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The said Benjamin Ricard being called in and examined saith that he did receive a large Letter at Plymouth, directed to the Government here, which he promised to deliver at his arrivall here to Mr Andrew Abington, but when he was about half Seas over he lost it, it was taken out of his chest, that two days before he mist it, one Edward Felks desired to see the Superscription which he shewed him and put the Letter up again but never saw it after Edward Felks called and examined whither he knows any thing of the said Letter which he desired to see and it was shewed him but two days before it was lost acknowledges that he did see the said Letter, but knows not what afterwards became of it

Information being giving against Major Edward Dorsey for so small