

upon observing which this Examinant's People then on Board the said Schooner, steered the said Schooner towards the said Boat, took her up, and made her fast alongside of the said Schooner, and then this Examinant's People on Board the said Schooner brought her to Anchor and went on Board the said Brig in the said Schooner's Boat, having none of the said Schooner's People in the Boat with them, but being asked how his People came to steer the said Schooner towards the said Boat, take her up, fasten her alongside, and bring the said Schooner to an Anchor, he the said Examinant answered not, And the said Examinant further saith, that upon his, and his crew's Arrival on Board the said Brig, they found the People there belonging to the said Schooner all merry in Liquor, this Examinant's own Locker not left locked or otherwise secured, overset, and rummaged, wherein besides several small Necessaries belonging to the said Brig, this Examinant usually kept (and on leaving the said Brig left therein) Liquors for his own Use, but cannot say whether any thing had been used or imbezelled by the said Schooner's People, or not, And this Examinant and his People immediately brought the said Brig which was standing down the Bay pursuant to the former Orders given to that Purpose, about, and stood up the Bay for Patuxent River aforesaid, offering the said Schooner's People their Boat, to go on Board their own Vessel, but they refused to do so, nor indeed were they then in a Condition to undertake it, but went to sleep till they were sober, which being about three of the Clock in the Morning, the said People upon this Examinant's Order took to their Boats, and with some Provision given them by this Examinant set off for the said Schooner, and in about Half an Hour after this Examinant brought the said Brig to Anchor for Want of Wind, and having an Ebb-Tide, and having thus rode till about two of the Clock in the Afternoon of the next Day then weighed and at about four of the Clock in the following Morning arrived in the Mouth of Patuxent where taking in a Pilot, he run up as high as Lower Marlborough, where coming to an Anchor, he run thence down again in his Boat to the Office and entered the said Brig and Cargo, which consisted of Eighty one Kegs-heads of white Sugar, and being asked where they were shipped or taken on Board the said Brig, the said Examinant saith that he was not on Board when the said Sugar were taken in by the said Brig, that they were cleared for this Province at and from Salem on Delaware Bay and that his last Clearance before his Arrival at Salem aforesaid, was from Montli-Christo in Hispaniola, which Clearance he has left on Board the said Brig now lying in West-River: And this Examinant further saith, that upon the said