

but that the Examinant's Comrades or some of them saying it would be very hard for English Men to be put in Irons on Board an English Vessel, as they approached the Schooner was and begging that he would not treat them in such a Manner, he did not proceed to put any of them in Irons or to confine them. The Examinant further saith that soon after this had passed on Board the Schooner which was then standing down the Bay after the Brig the Brig being as he imagines about a Mile a Head, it was discovered by the People on the Schooner's Deck that the Boat was broke loose from the Brig, whereupon the Schooner stood towards the Boat and she was taken or picked up as he thinks, by one of the Brig's Crew, but the Examinant says he does not remember who at that Time had Command of the Schooner nor what Person had hold of her Helm, that the Boat being taken and secured, the Schooner stood after the Brig, and this Examinant saith that when the said Schooner came up with her or was very near the Brig some of the Brig's Crew hoisted a Whiff to the Top Mast Head but he does not remember that any Orders were given by any one for making such a signal, nor does he remember that any Person on Board the Schooner hailed the Brig at that Time or forbade the People on Board her to obey or regard the signal abovementioned. This Examinant further saith that at the Time when the Whiff was hoisted as is abovementioned some of the Schooner's People were tied on the Deck but he doth not know how many of them were tyed, how long they had been tied, or who tyed them, nor does he remember on what Part of the Deck, these were whom he saw tyed. This Examinant saith that the Schooner coming up with the Brig soon after the abovementioned signal had been made, the Schooner's Anchor was let go and all the Brig's Crew went down into the Schooner's Boat and returned on Board their own Vessel, but that they carried no Cutlasses, or any other Weapon with them, nor did he hear either Captain Corcaud or his Mate Mr. Belt say any thing concerning Papers when they were about to go into the Boat, and the Examinant saith that during the Time that he continued on Board the Schooner he was always forward on the Deck and never went into or near the Cabin. This Examinant saith that when he and his Comrades returned on Board the Brig they found the People who had Charge of her drunk so that two or three of them could scarcely stand, and that some of them were just then drinking, and that soon afterwards the Schooner's Mate and some of his People went to Sleep, and the Brig was so steered as to stand up the Bay there being a light Breeze, but by whom or whose Orders she was so steered or managed the Examinant saith he doth not know. This Examinant says further that the same Evening a little after it became dark the Schooner's People on Board the Brig went into their Boat but the Examinant doth not remember that any one ordered them to go into the Boat or whether they took any Thing with them or not. That the next Morning or the second Morning after, he does not remember which