

the Day, but that they would not be carried out to Sea, upon which the said Person gave Order that the Irons should be brought up, saying he would have them put in Irons. That hearing that Declaration they all said it was very hard for Englishmen to be put in Irons on Board an English Vessel, that then the said Person sent some of the Schooner's Hands on Board the Brig, that sometime after the said Hands had got on Board the Brig the Examinant saw the Boat loose in which they had gone on Board her, and that then the Brig's People again declared to the Master of the Schooner that if he would go into any Port in the Bay, they were ready to go with him, but he replying that he would carry them to Sea that then they the Brig's Crew confined the Master of the Schooner and his People tying their Hands behind them and tying one to one Place and another to another. That then the Brig's People took up the Boat and let go the Schooner's Anchor at the same time lowering her Sails: that then the Brig's People went into the Boat and rowed on Board the Brig, but the Examinant saith that he did not when they were about to leave the said Schooner hear any Questions asked about Papers, nor see either Captain Carcaud, his Mate M^r Bell, or any of the Brig's People go into the Schooner's Cabin nor did he see any one of them carry a Cullass or any other Weapon from on Board the Schooner, that after they had got on Board the Brig, the Mate M^r Bell as he this Examinant thinks gave them Orders to stand up the Bay which Orders were obeyed, and that the Schooner soon afterwards stood up the Bay also; this Examinant further saith that when they were returned from the Schooner on Board the Brig as is abovementioned they found the Schooner's People who had Possession of her very drunk, so that they were not able, he is sure to row the Boat, but that after they had slept some Hours they were ordered by whom he does not know to go into their Boat and return to the Schooner, and that he saw some Provisions handed down to them into the Boat, the Moon at that Time shining. This Examinant further says it being calm the Morning afterwards the Brig came to an Anchor, but set Sail about four Hours afterwards and in the following Night got into the Mouth of Patuxent where they again came to an Anchor, and took in a Pilot who carried the Brig up Patuxent.

14. March 1764.
Taken before the Governor and Council
J^{os}ph C. Bond.

The Mark of
Richard Morgan.

The Examination of Middelton Bell aged about twenty Years Mariner and Mate of the Brigantine called, the Duke of Marlborough.

The said Examinant saith that on the eighteenth Day of February last the said Brigantine called, The Duke of Marlborough of which this Examinant was then Mate, was turning from