

sel after Sun sett, found she had broke Bulk and was then discharging her Cargoe, that then enquiring if the Captain was on Board was informed he was, but when as this Deponant believes the Capt.ⁿ understood the Kings' Officer was on Board no Person then would confess himself to be Capt.ⁿ, but a Person whom this Deponant believed to be the Capt.ⁿ invited M^r Morton and this Deponant into the Cabbin and upon M.^r Mortons Asking him how he came to break Bulk without making an Entry, said he was not then Capt. but had been a Master of a Vessel for 17 or 18 yrs, and that he knew his Duty & was always willing to pay his Respects to a Custom House Officer, M.^r Morton then Asked him if he did not know that his Sloop and Cargoe was forfeited by breaking Bulk without an Entry—he confessed it was so, M.^r Morton then Asked how he could do so he said that M.^r Purlviance (to whom the Sloop was Consigned) Ordered the Small Craft alongside, and desired him to Break Bulk and pay no Regard to any King's Officer whatever, M.^r Morten then desired that the Capt should come to him the next Morning and the Person whom this Deponant verily believes to be Capt.ⁿ said he should—but he did not come—that M.^r Morton the Day following sett off for Anna[polis].—That on or about the 30.th of April an advertisement Appeared in Consequence of a Seizure made on the Sloop afsd intimating that a Reward of one hundred Dollars would be given for Apprehending this Deponant—that this Deponant Apprehending every means would be taken in order to Punish him for merely doing his Duty in the Capacity afsd, and fearing his Life was in danger from a lawless Mob—was Compelled to fly from his Home and take Shelter in the woods adjoining Balt. Town—That a certain Henry Thompson, went to one Ja.^s Morgans House to enquire after this Deponant & then declared that if he could find him this Deponant his Life Should be taken from him, if there was not another Man in America, that M.^r Morgan then gave this Deponant Intelligence of his Danger, and requested he would keep out of the way—that during the time of this Deponants being in the Woods he heard three 3 Guns Fired on Board of Thompson's Brig, and which he understood to be the Signal for the Mob to Rise—that Capt. Tho.^s Elliott and many others not known to this Deponant was then in the woods in Pursuit of him, and that he verily believes if they had found him this Deponant his Life would have been taken from him & further saith not.

John McMechan [*sic*]

The aforegoing Deposition sworn to this tenth Day of May 1773 before Us the Subscribers two of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of the Province of Maryland his Justices of the Peace for Ann Arundel County.

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