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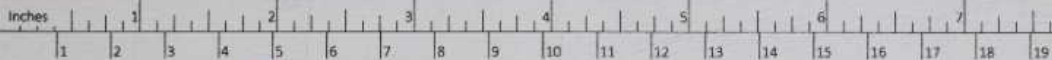


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7<sup>th</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup> 1745

Appeared personally Robert Johnston Master  
of the Private Ship of War the Old Moll whereof James  
Powell was and is Commander and being sworn on  
the Holy Evangelists made Oath as follows that on the  
thirteenth Day of July 1745 the said Private Ship of  
War the Old Moll in Company with the Private Ship  
of War the Dragon whereof James Seaborn was  
Commander in Latitude 48 Degrees or thereabouts  
met with on the High Seas and retook the John  
and Constant whereof Capt. Roger Curbing had been  
Master which John and Constant was then in the  
Possession of the French having been some time  
before taken by several French Men of War as the  
Depon<sup>t</sup> was informed and believes and saith that  
the Commanders of the Old Moll and Dragon took  
the French Officers and Mariners all but six from  
on board the John and Constant and distributed them  
between their own Ships and the Depon<sup>t</sup> by the  
Orders of Captain Powell was sent on board the said  
John and Constant and took Possession of her as  
Prize Master with Orders from the Commanders  
of the said Privateers to carry her into any Port in  
England or Ireland which he could first make and  
at the same time the said Captain Powell delivered  
to this Deponent the Journal marked A and three  
several Bundles of Papers marked B, C, and D hereto  
annexed as and for and which he does believe were and  
are all the Papers and Writings found on board the  
said John and Constant at the time of her being so  
retaken and the said Papers and Writings are now  
brought and delivered into Court by this Deponent  
without any Fraud Addition Subduction or Embellishment  
And

