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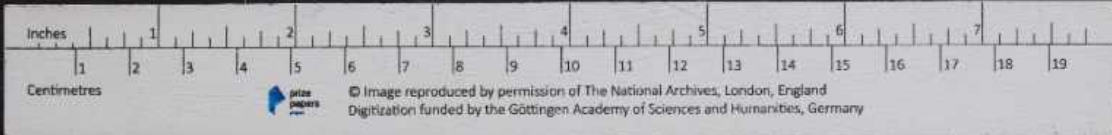
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7th Febr^y 1745

Appeared personally Robert Johnston Master
of the Private Ship of War the Old HOLL 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 HOLL 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^t was informed and believes and saith that
the Commanders of the Old HOLL 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^t 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



1745



And he further saith that he first made the Port of Cork
 in Ireland with the said Ship and hath since brought
 her in pursuance of an Order from this Court to the
 Port of London and brought three of the French
 Prisoners with him in order to their being examined
 here that he was obliged to perform Quarentine at
 Stangate Creek the time for which expired on
 Saturday last when having got a proper Certificate
 he came up with the said Ship to the Port of London
 on Tuesday last and then delivered his Prisoners to
 the proper Officer belonging to the sick and wounded
 Office and the next Day applied at the said Office to
 have them brought to Doctors Commons to be
 examined and was there informed that they were
 sent the Day before immediately after they were
 delivered to the said Officer forward on their Way
 to Ports mouth. *ps*

Rob^t Johnston

Same Day

The said Robert Johnston was
 sworn to the Truth of this Affidavit

Before me

Will: Pralua

Surrig at

prosecut

Geo: Bellay & Co. Dub^l

[Handwritten flourish]