

[Enclosure]

New Providence Is. 54148

Apr 15

1725

Capt. Thomas  
Petty

Tho: Petty Marine & Commander of the Sloop  
Snapper of this place being duly Sworn Declared  
that being on a late Voyage making Oyl amongst  
these Islands and proceeding therewith near  
Ragged Island one of the Bahamas and bound  
for Jaimata in or about the 24<sup>th</sup> of last Month  
being Weather a Piragua row'd up with the  
Deponents Vessel and took her they prov'd to be  
Spaniards & Commanded by Augustin Blanco of  
Baratoa upon which said Spaniards carried the  
Deponent and Vessel to the Exumas and searcht  
the Pond there for Vessels. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of this  
Instant April about 3 a Clock in the Morning  
proceedd to the current of Jethera where the  
said Spaniards landd made M<sup>r</sup> Thompson and  
Family Prisoners by pinioning them, Robb'd and  
took the Negroes and every thing Movable besides  
stripping them of their Apparel. The s<sup>r</sup> Augustin  
Blanco & Crew being busied in their Plunder gave  
Leave to the Deponent and one of his Men  
attended by two Spaniards to go on board the  
Deponents Vessel to New birth her and the  
Deponent with the other Man taking Advantage  
of the said two Spaniards got into the Boat put off  
and having got on board twistd Seil and this  
Morning came to Providence. The Deponent took  
Notice that amongst other Discourses w<sup>th</sup> Augustin  
Blanco (who by his frequent Plunders amongst

these

These Islands has learnt broken English) being  
askt if there was any News of War with Spain  
said Augustin reply'd, no Matter for War for they  
the Spaniards had always War with the People of  
the Bahamas for every <sup>thing</sup> they caught from them  
was good prize the said Bahama Islands  
belonging to the Spaniards.

Tho<sup>s</sup> Petty.

Jur'd 15<sup>th</sup> April  
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