

[Enclosure]

Burrough of
Portsmouth

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The Deposition of George Fox late Mate of the
Anne Galley of London (Joseph Spakman Comander)
John King, Adam Towel, and Joseph Vaughan late
Mariners on Board the said Galley taken on Oath
this 15th Day of August Anno Dom. 1720. before
John White Gent Deputy Mayor, and one of His
Majesties Justices of the Peace for the said Burrough.

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The said Deponents do severally on their respective Oaths
say that on the Twelfth Day of June last past (English Style)
as the said Galley was then about two or three Leagues to
the Westward of Cape Tiberon bound to the Island of Jamaica
having then on board her, Two Hundred fifty four Negroes
Sixteen hundred Billets of Red Wood and other Goods,
a Spanish Sloop of St. Jago de Cuba of about sixty or
seventy Tuns with near seventy Men and six Guns (the
Captains Name of which Sloop these Deponents heard
was called Pines) gave chase to the said Galley, and in
about two Hours time came up with her, and fired three
Guns at the said Galley and the said Spanish Sloop called
to the Comander of the said Galley to Strike, and ordered
him to go on board the said Sloop which he accordingly
did, with four of his Men without making any
Resistance, who were all detained on board the said
Spanish Sloop, and then the Comander of the said Sloop
sent about sixteen of his Men armed on Board the
said Galley with Directions to Steer after the said Sloop,
and these Deponents (with one of the said Spaniards) being
employed to take the Goods out of the said Galley and
carry the same on Board the said Sloop, they made use of
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the Advantage of the Evening, and by securing
the said Spaniards got away with the Boat they
were in and after forty eight Hours Rowing
without any Provisions they at last (being almost
Starved) got on board a French Vessel near Pottiguau
where these Deponents received a great Deal of Relief
and these Deponents further, make Oath that the
said French Vessel soon after, arriving in Donna
Maria Bay where there then lay at anchor His
Majesty's Ship the Rippon and Bredah (Captain
Wm Berkeley Commander, of the Rippon sent the
Boat on Board the said French Vessel to demand
these Deponents of the Master, of her, and these
Deponents accordingly went on board the said Ship
Rippon and are since arrived in her, at Portsmou
th aforesaid, and lastly these Deponents do severally
make Oath that the Spaniards on Board the said
Sloop used these Deponents and the other, Men
belonging to the said Galley with great Severity
by beating Stripping and otherwise abusing them,
And they really believe if it had not been for
Some Englishmen which were then on board the
said Spanish Sloop they (the said Spaniards) would
have killed these Deponents or, some of them,
and when these Deponents begged to be better
used in respect of the Peace or, Truce that was
then between England and Spain, the Spaniards
answered these Deponents Peace or, War, it was a
matter to them or, to that Effect.

Jurat apud Portsmouth ꝑꝑꝑ Die et
Anno prius infra mentionat
Coram Me
John White. Dep. Major.

Geo. Fox

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John King.
+ Signum
Adam Sewell.