

Liber B. flower of London then tradeing or intending to trade in the Said Province did with the assistance of his Said Ship men and Amunition thereunto belonging forcibly take as prize a Certaine Ship called the Maid of Gaunt then riding or run on Shore in S<sup>t</sup> Georges River within the Said Province which had traded in Virginia the last year, having (as appeared to us) the Governour of Virginia's Warrant for So doing in regard as it Seems the owner and Merchants thereof were Inhabitants of the king of Spain's Dominion as by Commissions produced to that purpose appeared to our Understanding, And that with and in the Said Ship the maid of Gaunt the Said Cap<sup>t</sup> Webber Likewise tooke as prize (as we are Very Credibly informed) 46 hhds of Tob: with divers goods & household Stuffe belonging to m<sup>r</sup> Symon Oversey Merchant an Inhabitant of the Said Province of Maryland and that the Said Cap<sup>t</sup> Webber refusing either to Submitt to a Tryall touching the premisses before the Governour and Councill of the Said Province or to make or give other Satisfaction therein, hath Carried away the Said Ship, Tackle, furniture Tobacco and Goods out of the Said Province as prize intending as we conceive for the Port of London, All which we declare and Certifie as aforesaid. Given at S<sup>t</sup> Maries in the Said Province of Maryland under our hands this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June Anno Dñi 1654

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[Witchcraft.]

The Deposition of m<sup>r</sup> Henry Corbyn of London Merch<sup>t</sup> aged about 25<sup>th</sup> years, Sworne and Examined in the Province of Maryland before the Governour & Councill there (whose Names are hereunto Subscribed) the 23<sup>th</sup> day of June Anno Domini 1654. Saith That at Sea upon his this Deponents Voyage hither in the Ship called the Charity of London m<sup>r</sup> John Bosworth being Master and about a fortnight or three weeks before the Said Ships arrivall in this Province of Maryland, or before A Rumour amongst the Seamen was very frequent, that one Mary Lee then aboard the Said Ship was a witch, the Said Seamen Confidently affirming the Same upon her own deportment and discourse, and then more Earnestly then before Importuned the Said Master that a tryall might be had of her which he the Said Master, m<sup>r</sup> Bosworth refused, but resolved (as he Expressed to put her ashore upon the Barmudoes) but Crosswids p<sup>r</sup>vented and the Ship grew daily more Leaky almost to desparation and the Chiefe Seamen often declared their Resolution of Leaving her if an opportunity offered it Self which