

Know all men by these presents that on the 15 day of March in the year of our Lord 1747 before Eleagas Le Marchant Esq, Lord of the Manner and Fee Lecomte Lieutenant to Joshua Le Marchant Esq. Bailiff of the Island of Guernsey and in the presence of Thomas Le Marchant and Daniel de Lisle Esq., Jurats of the Royal Court in the said island, personally came and appeared Amice Ollivier Commander of the Privateer called the Hazard, Jonathan Ozzard and William Kerrie, who have all voluntarily made oath that on Monday the 18 August 1746 or thereabouts being in the island of Alderney in company with Mr John Le Mesurier Governor of the said Island and the said Le Mesurier being informed that there was a French boat at a small creel called Creux Rousset in the said island the said Le Mesurier ordered these Deponents with two other men to follow him in order to seize the said boat which they accordingly did. These being arrived at the said place they found the said boat with two Alderney men in it, but no French men they being ashore. That the said Le Mesurier asked the said Alderney men what boat it was, and to whom it belonged to which they replied that they did not know but they had found it there and that they waited for the tide to carry it into the Harbour of Braye. That the said Le Mesurier told the said Alderney men he was informed it was a French boat and that the French men were ashore, to which they answered that they had taken possession of the said boat as wreck and were ordered to take care of the said boat by Mr Thomas Le Cocq, whereupon the said Le Mesurier told them that if it was a wreck it belonged to him as Patentee of the said island and ordered the said two men to come to shore which they did. That the said Le Mesurier and these deponents went into the said boat and brought it into the Harbour of Crabby to secure it. That before their arrival in the said Harbour they saw about 20 men armed with muskets and bayonets waiting for them (amongst whom there was 2 French men, subjects of the French King) and that one of the said men fired a musket loaded with ball upon the said boat, which ball came very nigh them. That being near the shore the said armed men presented their muskets cocked against the said Le Mesurier and these deponents, ordering them with oaths and imprecations to go immediately out of the said boat and that they were ordered by Mr Thomas Le Cocq Senior to take the said boat by force from the said Le Mesurier and these deponents, upon which the said Le Mesurier and these deponents were forced to quit the said boat which the said armed men carried into Braye. And these said deponents further declare that they don't know what is become of the said boat, but that they have been credibly been informed that a few days afterward the same French men went back to France in the said boat. And the said Amice Ollivier further declares that he was led by the armed men to Thomas Le Cocq senior and Thomas Le Cocq junior which said Le Cocq checked him in a great passion and the said Thomas Le Cocq junior said he would make him forfeit his commission for having dared to seize a French boat in his ports. And he further declares that he desired Thomas Le Cocq senior as chief Judge to grant him a Warrant to go with the King's Officers to search and seize the French men which were hid in the Island which the said Le Cocq refused telling this deponent that if there were any French men in the Island it was his son's business who was there present. In witness thereof we have hereunto set our hands upon plain paper, stamp paper being not in use in this Island.