The Examination of William Batt aged about twenty years Mariner and mate of the Brigantine Called the Duke of Marlborough

The said Examinant saith that on the Eighteen the day of February last the said Brigantine called the Duke of Marlborough of which this Examinant was then Mate was running from behind New point Comfort in the Bay of Chesapeake to Clear the said point under which she had been at Anchor with the Wind at South East bound to Patuxent River in this province from Sea this Examinant and the said Briggs Crew observed a Schooner standing before the Wind towards the said point as this Examinant supposed to come to an Anchor the Wind being foul for the said Vessel to go to Sea The said Schooner coming within proper distance hailed the said Brig and asked whence she came the said Briggs Captain David Cor: said Argywood from Sea whereupon the said Schooner's Captain named (as this Examinant hath since understood) Jonathan Atwood the said Briggs leave to that he might come on board which the said Briggs accordingly did and the said Schooner's Captain Came on board the said Brigg in his own Boat with four hands when this Examinant asked him where he Came from and whether he was the Master of the said Schooner to which he answered he was not Master but was Mate of the said Schooner and that his Master was on board the said Schooner with which they his four hands agreed with him, but at that time told this Examinant whence he Came. Upon this the said Jonathan and the Master of the said Brigg retired together into the said Brigg's Cabin and after some time they returned upon Deck the said Brigg informed this Examinant that he intended a flight