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Declaration of Joseph Williams, Master of Schooner Charlotte.

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On Wednesday the twenty ninth day of July 1795, weighed anchor, and sailed from the harbour of Saint Thomas, on board said Schooner, the property of John Vetter, Merchant in said Island, bound for New York; having on board, Sugars, Rum, Molasses &c. &c. agreeable to clearance. — On Friday the 31st day of July in lat: 23.00 north, long. 63.00 west, or thereabouts, was brought to by a Ship, mounting sixteen guns, under English Colors, who ordered me to hoist out my boat and come on board, which I immediately did, and carried the Schooners papers with me, where I was detained with two Negro Sailors. — Two men appearing to be Officers went on board from the Ship, after they had examined all the trunks, lockers, hold, and every other part of the Schooner, they then sent for me to open my chest, which they also examined — all of which being finished, the said Officers compelled John Tucker, Supercargo, and John Robert Airth passenger, to go on board the Ship, still under English Colors. — The said Officers sent a Prize Master, and three Sailors on board the Schooner, with orders to follow the Ship (still under English Colors) — John Tucker and John Airth, after being some time on board the Ship, and making enquiry, was told by some of the Officers and Crew, who were chiefly Americans; that the aforesaid Officers were named Peter Marshal, and George Rice, the former was Commander,

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