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In Low Dutch is a Declaration of the ship's Company belonging to the Dutch frigate called the Lady Elizabeth Galley consisting of Captain Charles Harman (,) Commander Hector Sinclair (,) the mate George Peters (,) Boatswain Hans Peters (,) Carpenter Jacob Peters (,) the Cook with Christian Kragh, Hans Daal, Michel Fryderberg (,) Erasmus Roelofs, John Barents, before the mast and Hans Oar the Boy, made before the Hollands Consul Aarnout van Steinfort bearing date the 31 of x br [December] 1740 and attested by the said Consuls hand & sealed of his Consuls ship setting forth their departure from Amsterdam on 4th September 1740 and got to Texel on the sixth, on the 14th went to Sea, being designd for Dunkirk in french flanders on the 18th was put back by contrary winds to Texel only 1 8br depart = ed & the 4th arrived in the Port of Dunkirk and on the 25th sailed from thence for the Island of Theneriffe and arrived there 19th of 9br and unlivered a part of their Loading at St. Croix and the rest at Oratava(,) a Port or Road on the North side of the same Island Theneriffe and there took in a Loading again consisting of Pipes of Malansy wine designed for Dunkirk, for which purpose they the Deponent gott up their Anchor on the 16 xbr [December] about four a Clock in the morning, and being under saile on the same day in the after = noon about one a Clock and according to Guessing about 5 dutch Miles from the Island (,) they saw a Bark or large Boat rowing towards them, which comes so near to them, that they could call to each other and perceived the said Boat was well fitted and as they might Guess had 40 or 50 armed men in her in an uncomon habit and particular sort of Caps on like Turbans, had Cannons & on both sides tenn Oars hoisting a Genoes flagg (,) on which they said Deponent (Abk.) hoisted their Princes of Hollands flagg and called to them of the Bark asking of what nation they were, who answered in Portuguise that they were of that Nation and that the Master must come on board to them, but answered he could not go on to his ship, and the more because he suspected them as they showed other Coulers which were not agreable to those the

Portuguese use to Carry, the Deponent also perceived a ship to which
the Boat belonged, towards which they rowed, observing she was a ship of
35 some forces, the said (Ak.) boat firing one of the 4 Cannons she had in Loaden with
Ball, and was answered in the like manner by the Deponents who made as much saile

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as possible endeavouring to reach the Road of Oratava again
40 at last when the said Boat rowed away, towards another vessel, the
which they the Deponent had had in sight two houres before
who bore down upon them with full sails according to these
Deponents Guessing, and at that time about the distance of three
quarters of a Mile & plainly appeared as they drew nearer to them to be a Snow
45 and to their believe was mounted with fourteen or sixteen
Cannon(s) and twenty two or twenty four Oares that they made us
of, the said Snow having overtook the aforesaid Bark or boat they came
by one another then they the Deponents took to their Boat
which was fastened to the Low not having an opportunity to
50 hoyst her onto the ship since they sailed from the Port of
Oratava, endeavouring as they before declared for to get on Shoar
as their sailes was of Small service to them, the rowed from
two a Clock in the afternoon till between five & six in the evening
at which time the Snow was got so near them by the help of his
55 Oares, and of his boat to the distance of about a Musquet Shott
and they the Deponents finding they could not Govern their Ship
they resolved to leave her, having nothing to deffend her& looked upon
the Snow & boat to be Sally men or Moores by their uncommon habit
and Caps, like Turbans with halfmoon's on their heads, the Deponents
60 not carring to be slaves, therefore they with some passengers took to
their Boat at six in the evening, resigning rather to the mercy of
the waves then to fall into the hands of the barbarians, finding
themselves according to their Guessing to be about three large dutch
miles from the Shoar and when they the Deponents had rowed a Small
65 distance from their ships, and (having these ships in sight Oratave) as they think not certain by re[...]
of the Darknes of the night, they heard either from the Snow or boat

three guns go off at once in two or three minutes, and two or three
Minutes after a discharge of seventy or Eighty musquets, and a
little afterwards two discharges of musquets, so that believed the
70 enemy entered on board of their ships, and think they both heard and
see them on board, a quarter of an hour afterwards they (the) Deponents
observd about to follow them which they were of opinion was
the aforesaid Boat, but it was so dark that they could not justly tell
but the Boat turnd Being as they thought about 7 a Clock (and)

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and they the Deponents makeing all the *Pass* possible to get into Oratava
Road, where at last the same night between 12 & one a Clock they arrived and put
on board of a Danish ship, (not willing to run the risk of putting on
80 shoar in the Night) thee ships name was the Lady Catherina
John Haas Master Inhabitant of Hamburgh, staying on board the said ship that night
being the 17th till the day appeared then made a signe for a Boat to
come from the Land, for to go on Shoar, and when one was come the
Captain Charles Harman and the Mate Hector Synclair and the passengers
85 went on Shoar, and the rest of the ships Company stayd on board of
the said ship, wo afterwards about eight o Clock came on Shoar, they
the Deponents having not savd anything but only Captain Charles Harmans
Chest, which he left on board of the said Danish ship, in which was
The Algier pass and other Documents & papers belonging to the
90 abandoned ship, also some freight money, which he Captain Charles
Harman received of his merchant & freighter Mr. John Bonhomme
of this place, which [...] the Consul know, and that was to pay the ships
Companys monthly wages with that Money till the time they left the
ship – They the Deponents further declaring that on the same day being
95 the 17th Instant their Commander Charles Harman went on board on
the said Danish ship for to fetch away his Chest, which the Danish
Master John Haase denied him, and had caused the same to be seald
and requiring of him 1/3 part for Salvages of all that was found
therein, which was such inhumanity, and might prove of [...]
100 consequences, the said John Haase makeing this handle thinking

this would be agreed to, by reason of the penalty those persons
bye underwithin his Catholick Majesties Dominions, who carry out money
either Gold or Silver coined or uncoined, and that he Captain Charles
Harman, might not come into any trouble he would allow
105 the said Captain John Haase his vile pretentions, the which he
could not obtain, through the Diligence of him the a forenamed
Consul applying to the Justices of this Island, who sent an express
Order for him the said Haase to deliever up the Chest in the
same condition as Captain Charles Harmann had delievered it to him
110 on the penalty of being [...] from this Island

Italics: Unclear text