

Barbados

The Deposition of Mr. John Ridley
of the Parish of St. Michael in the Island
aforesaid: The Deponent maketh Oath & saith
as follows, That on the 4th Day of Nov^r. 1727.
he departed from this Island in the Sloop
Endeavour, whereof himself was Master and
Owner, and proceeded to Corbaco a fine Bay
on the Island of St. Vincents, in order to meet
another Sloop belonging to himself, which he
had sent before him to cut Timber; That in the
said Bay of Corbaco there were settled six or
seven French Families; But the Deponent
not meeting with the said Sloop there, he proceeded
to another Bay about a League to the North of
the said Bay of Corbaco, where he found his
said Sloop and two others belonging to Barbados
cutting of Timber, and in the said Bay there were
14 or 15 French Families settled as Inhabitants
that the said Inhabitants raise Provisions and a
great Quantity of very good Tobacco, somewhat like
that of Brazil; That he the said Deponent was
informed

informed there were French Inhabitants settled
in most Parts of the Island, and that in one part
thereof, there was a Considerable Town and a
Maf House, that there are a great many free
Negroes and Indians on the Island, and that
the French are daily coming over to settle there
from Martinique, and that the French raise
and export great Quantities of Corn from the
Island of S^t. Vincent. The Deponent further
saith, that he was informed by a Vessel called
a Scooner, belonging to Martinique, whilst he
lay in the last mentioned Bay, That a French
Man of War was coming from Martinique
to seize their Sloops, or to know by what Authority
they (the English) cut Timber on the said Island
of S^t. Vincent; whereupon the Deponent hastened
to Barbados where he arrived on the 27th. Day
of this Instant November.

Capt. et Jurat. 28^o. Die
Novembris 1727. Coram me

(Signed)

Jn^o. Ridley

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Copy of a Separation
 of Mr. John Ridley
 In the Letter of the
 J. J. Lomax, of Trade of City
 1st 1792/3
 In the D. of Newcastle's May
 16. 17. 1720.