John Winflow Deposeth, and south, that on the welfth of July last part he arrived with Fast of the Pregnant then whiles his Command at a Flaw fall full furtener on Trennelisch Diver remained there till the twenty first, then was sell forwards for Teronnell Fall, with two Gun. deloes nine Whale Doals twenty Dallaes initiding the knows That on the twenty Second about five miles dutant from Cuchonor now falled Forte Western they were Interrupted by Though and after by the Western being Confined by the Rocks to a Narrow Compay, and what we for that reason fells The first Fall, which the Deponant, apprehends, in about Twelve Rods, Falls about two Feet, This Day most of our men were employed in Towering, and heaving our fundeloss over the Shoot and Falls, and Even the whale boat that were Laden to take the Jame Course to gain their Sointe. On the twenty third were harraful with Corlinnal Shouls, & Thong Currante, at Some Places not more than lighteen Inshes of Water as the beginnant apprehends, Sulance als Wight about levelve meles from Fort Western, did not proceed above that bay and that obtained by Force of men in the Water being She Inches Left, than the Original Doals brus, & of this the Deponent is Confident as he was with other in the Water the Digger Part of that Day. On the twenty fourth, after having Part, over a Shoed, or Fell, we fame to what we fall the great Tall butance from Forte Hallifax about five thiles, and at that House the Deponant believes the Wester falls four Feet, in four Nods the Detone north, the more Water in the middle of the Aream than our Doats drew by Some Feet, half way between this & Foste Hal. I fax is one ther Pleis we betimber Fall; Futher the Deporant, add, that in many Flaces, in the niver were should and Lands that there was not Sufficient Waler for a whale Boat. Our Leonile Paping use and Lown, frequently obliged to get out and in Soveral Place, not more than lighten or twenty Inchesof Water, and were that the Mocam, extream Regio! Our funder drew about two Feet, the Digest of them. and Juther the beginnant add that he

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Description: John Winslow deposition on Kennebec River

John Winslow Deposeth, and saith, that on the twelfth of July last part, he arrived with Part of the Regiment then under his command, at a Place called Cushenoc, on Kennebeck River, remained there till the twenty first, then we sett forwards for Teronnett Falls, with two Gun= deloes, nine Whale Boats, twenty Battoes including the Canoes. That on the twenty Second about five miles distant from Cushenoc now called Forte Western, they were Interrupted by Shoals, and after by the Waters being Confined by the Rocks to a Narrow Compass, and what we for that Reason Called the first Falls, which the Deponant apprehends, in about Twelve Rods, Falls about two Feet. This Day most of our men were employed in Toweing, and heaving our gundeloes over the Shoals and Falls, and Even the whale Boats that were Laden to take the Same Course to gain their Pointe. On the twenty third were harrased with Continual Shoals,& Strong Currants, at Some Places, not more than Eighteen Inches of Water as the Deponant apprehends, Distance at Night, about twelve miles from Forte Western, did not proceed above Two miles

above that Day, and that obtained by Force of Men in the Water, being Six Inches Less than the Biggest Boats Drew, & of this the Deponant, is Confident, as he was with others in the Water, the Bigger Part of that Day. On the twenty fourth, after haveing Part, over, a Shoal, or Fall, we Came to what we Called the great Fall, Distance from Forte Hallifax about five Miles, and at that Place the Deponant beleives the Water falls four Feet, in four Rods the Bottom Rocks tho' more water in the middle of the Stream than our Boats drew by Some Feet, half way between this & Forte Hal--lifax, is one other Place we Determined Falls, Further the Deponant, adds, that in many Places, in the River, were Shoals and Sands that there was not Sufficient Water, for a whale Boat. Our People Passing up and Down, frequently obliged to Get out and in Several Places, not more than Eighteen or twenty Inches of Water, and were Shoals, the Stream, extream Rapid. Our gundeloes drew about two Feet, the bigest of them.

And Further the Deponant adds that he remained

Remained on Said Ruier from the said wenty fit say of Suly, till the leventy First of September, and in that time Payer up, and sown i, Durer from Forte Hall fax to Frothe Western frue times and he tuhes it for granted that Nevas the Season of the year, when the Walter was at the loweed and informed by the Indicins that it was Lower than Com: mon at that Jearon, and by the appearence of the Dunks Free Logged be on each lide of the Times, the Water at the time of the Freehet, an event Sedarof than Paivar is at least tructure feet higher perpendicular than when the Depronent was there and believes at Such time there in appear = ance of Falls, at the Places before resited the Depenant further and that he once Steams un a whale Doct from Forte Western to Forte Hallifax without a mani getting out the of times struck the grown, and has more than once & Come down in the Same mennes and other Hurt for Thirty grown per he key been acquainted with the Englyn Shore Lowvey at Brad Bay Severain Her & Never heard any other Rame Given for the Rever Refore mentioned where it Emply note the ocerain thems that of Reverbook and offer he according to his Book Jenten ranner Judger. that the Gundelow that was the Last above water was time Inches -

Remained on said River from the said twenty first Day of July, till the twenty First of September, and in that time Passed up and Down s^d River from Forte Hallifax to Forte Western, five times, and he takes it for granted, that it was the Season of the Year, when the Water was at the lowest and informed by the Indians that it was Lower than Com: mon at that Season, and by the Appearence of the Banke Trees Logged &c, on each Side of the River, the Water at the time of the Freshets, on each Side of the River, is at least twelve feet higher perpendicular than when the Deponant was there, and beleives at Such time there is no appear= ance of Falls, at the Places before recited, the Deponant further adds, that he once Steared up a whale Boat, from Forte Western to Forte Hallifax without a Man's getting out

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tho' oft times strucht the grou^d, and has more than once Come down in the Same Manner.

And Further Saith that for Thirty year past he has been acquainted with the Eastern Shore Survey at Brad Bay Pemequid &c. & never heard any other Name Given for the River before mentioned where it Emptys into the Occian than that of Kennebeck and That he according to his Best Rememberance Judges that the Gundeloes that was the Least above watter was Nine Inches —

John Winslow

Suffolk SS: Boston the 3^d May 1755 Personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of His Majesty Justices of the peace for the S^d County of Suffolk John Winslow above named & Being duly cautioned & carefully Examined Made Solemn Oath to the truth of the before going Deposition by him Subscribed to be used in a Cause depon= =ding & to be tryed at the Superiour Court to be held at York for the County of York in the month of June next Between the proprietors of the Kennebeck purchase from the late Colony of New Plymouth Apptees and the proprietors holding Lands under Lake & Clark Apptees in Trespass. The S^d John Winslow being bound to Sea Samuel Goodwin agent for the Proprietors of the Kennebeck purchase from the late Colony of New Plymouth the adverse party being notyfyed was present nothing objecting. Taken at the request of Coldwalladon Ford Esq^r Clerk to the proprie =tors holding under Lake & Clarke, by me

Wm Stoddard