

Ans. Yes, I was. I went off, and assisted in unbending her sails.

Ques. Do you remember what quantity of wood and water she had on board?

Ans. I do not perfectly recollect the quantity, but there was one cask handed up half full, which they said they were going to get filled on shore, but were prevented by Mr. Jones.

Ques. Did you hear any of the crew say their reason for coming in?

Ans. Yes: for wood and water.

Ques. How was the weather?

Ans. Fine weather, and a fresh breeze.

John Cheese, seaman, examined.

Ques. Were you in the yawl with Mr. Jones when he detained the American Schooner William?

Ans. Yes, I was.

Relate all you know about her.

Ans. I was sick in a tent on shore, and do not know any of the particulars.

William Payne, marine, examined

Ques. Were you in the yawl with Mr. Jones when he detained the American Schooner William?

Ans. Yes.

Relate all you know of the particulars.

Ans. I went on board with Mr. Jones in the small boat to examine her. Mr. Jones detained her, unbent her sails, and took them on shore.

Ques. Do you know what wood and water she had on board?

Ans. I cannot say.

Ques. Did you drink any of the water on board of her?

Ans. Yes, I did.

Ques. How was the weather?

Ans. Fine, with a strong breeze.

We, the undersigned, have examined the aforesaid persons, belonging to His Majesty's sloop *Dotterel*, taking the minutes of their depositions respecting the detention of the American fishing Schooner *William*; and we do declare that their evidence has been taken in a very impartial manner, and that the persons aforesaid have not been biased in any way whatsoever.

JOHN COOKE.

Senior Lieut. His Majesty's sloop Dotterel.

JAS. AZZARD,

Purser, His Majesty's sloop Dotterel.