

Inclosure 9 in No. 13.

Statement of George Tucker.

THE examination of George Tucker, of Broad Cove, fisherman, taken upon oath, who saith :—I remember when the American schooner "Mist," Cozzens master, came into Broad Cove in July 1877. I went out to the schooner in the morning before breakfast to sell squids. Henry Tucker was in the boat with me. Cozzens would not buy our squids. Daniel Tucker, of Broad Cove, was aboard of the schooner jigging squids, and the crew of the schooner were also jigging squids. Cozzens said he was going to jig his own squids, and he would not buy from us. There were a good many boats fastened on to the schooner jigging squids for him. Henry Tucker told the men in the schooner to haul in their jigs. I spoke to Daniel Tucker, who was aboard the schooner, said, "You are the first man that ever brought these Americans here to jig for themselves." He gave me impudence, and I replied. The people in the schooner went on jigging away. All the boats that came off with us went ashore then. The whole dispute arose because Cozzens would only buy from some who were there jigging for him fastened on to his schooner or aboard, and not from the people of the cove generally. The whole dispute amounted only to some angry words, and principally was between Daniel Tucker and me. Cozzens and his crew jigged a great deal of squids; they were anchored right on the jigging ground. They only bought 20,000 squids from the people of the cove, and that was the most amount; the rest, 10,000 squids, their own crew jigged. Cozzens' crew jigged more squids for themselves that summer on that trip than any other American banker that came into Broad Cove. Cozzens came in again to Broad Cove that summer and got squids; he was also in several times last summer. There was nothing whatever done by the people of Broad Cove to prevent Cozzens from jigging; no injury to him, and no one threatened to cut his cable or destroy his gear. After Mr. Tulk came at 4 o'clock, Cozzens bought squids from all of us at 20 cents a hundred. The wind that day was off the land, the schooners bow was towards the beach. Generally speaking, the American bankers buy most of their squids; sometimes they jig a little. Unless squids were very plenty, it would take a banker's crew a week to get their squid. Generally, the bankers take a very short time to bait, and it suits them best to buy. There would be too much delay to jig for themselves. All the Newfoundland bankers buy their bait, and so do all the other banking schooners.

(Signed) GEORGE TUCKER, his X mark.

Sworn before me at St. John's, this 17th day of September, A.D. 1879, having first been read over and explained.

(Signed) D. W. PROWSE, *Stipendiary Magistrate,*
Judge, Central District Court.

Inclosure 10 in No. 13.

Statement of William Tulk.

THE examination on oath of William Tulk, Preventive Officer of Her Majesty's Customs at Portugal Cove, Newfoundland, who saith :—On the 8th July, 1877, saw an American schooner going into Broad Cove, and I went down there to collect light dues from her. I went aboard of Cozzens' schooner "Mist," and he paid me his light dues. Cozzens did not say one word to me concerning any dispute with the Broad Cove fishermen about bait. I never advised him to buy bait from the Broad Cove fishermen, nor do I remember having any conversation with Cozzens about squids. The whole dispute, as I understand it, arose from a man named Daniel Tucker, of Broad Cove, who piloted Cozzens into Broad Cove, advising him to buy his squids only from him, Daniel Tucker, and his friends who were aboard the schooner with Cozzens jigging. This created a jealousy on the part of the other people in the cove, from whom Cozzens refused to buy any squid. I believe Cozzens jigged a great deal of his squids, about 10,000; the other 20,000 he bought. I have never known any banking schooner's crew to jig so large a quantity as 10,000 before, 2,000 or 3,000 is generally the quantity, often less. I have never known more than 10,000 squids to be jigged by the crew of a banking schooner. Bankers almost invariably buy their bait; it is a much more convenient way of getting it. If a crew had to jig their bait it would, except under very favourable circumstances, take from ten to fifteen days to get their necessary quantity of bait. The wind that day was south-south-west, and off the land.