

said they would not allow any man-of-war's boat to board them. They got their wood and water there, and got under weigh, and ran to Two Island harbor; laid there one day, and at night. I was left on shore, in the tent, and remember Mr. Jones going out in a small boat with four hands, and returned the same afternoon. We got under weigh that evening, in the yawl, and stood for Two Island harbor. The next morning, we fell in with four American schooners, and one English. When I first saw them they were at anchor, about half a mile from the land, in Two Island harbor. After they saw us, they got under weigh. On our chasing them, we fired, to bring them to; but, instead of complying, three of them ran along side each other, and lashed together. When we came close to them, Mr. Jones desired them to separate, and bring up. They refused to do so, and would not allow us to board, until Mr. Jones repeatedly threatened to fire into them; they dropped clear of each other; we then boarded the Reindeer, and Mr. Jones asked what they were doing there? They said they came in to land their gurry and offal of the fish, and get wood and water. Mr. Jones told them they had time enough to get their wood and water at White Island. Mr. Jones detained the Reindeer, and then boarded the Ruby, which vessel he detained also; and I was sent below, in the Ruby, to search for arms; found none; but found a frying-pan full of hot lead and a spoon in it, and some musket balls quite warm. I asked the master of the Ruby where his arms were? He said he had none, except one fowling-piece. I then asked him where it was. His reply was, he could not say, unless his boy had lost it or stowed it away in the salt room. When I asked their reason for lashing together and running the musket balls, they said they intended to keep us off; with their five-and-thirty men and eight muskets, they would easily have done so. I then asked them where their eight muskets were? They answered, they had eight muskets. The masters of the two schooners which were not detained came on board the Ruby, and took her crew with their clothes, and as much provisions as they wished for a passage to their home, by their own wish, and sanction of Mr. Jones. Afterwards, we got under weigh, in the Reindeer and Ruby, for St. Andrew's; and, the same afternoon, between Indian Island and Campo Bello, two schooners came towards us full of armed men. The one abreast of the Ruby gave three cheers and hoisted American colours, bore down and ordered us to heave to, which we refused doing until they threatened to fire into us. They came along side, and boarded with muskets and fixed bayonets, cutlasses and pistols. I do not know the number of men, but our decks were full. They took our arms from us, and discharged their own. We then were ordered into our boat, and I observed them firing volleys of musketry going in, and after they had anchored at Eastport.

Ques. Did you search the salt-room of the Ruby for arms?

Ans. No, I had not time.

Ques. How was the weather when the Reindeer and Ruby were detained?

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