

made about the time Atwood arrived.— This way-bill is now usually enclosed in a pocket in the mail bag. The chains, rings and padlock of the mail bag were in good order at the time he delivered it to Atwood. Deponent locked the bag himself.

Deponent was in the office with Mr. Kittson on Wednesday evening, the 19th of June, about six o'clock, Mr. Kittson went to tea; deponent was making up the mails for Otonabee and Peterboro', when Mr. Kittson went away. In about five minutes young Mr. Ham who is in a store opposite called to ask him if he would go to tea;— deponent immediately got up and went with him; locked the office door and took the key out; at a short distance deponent met Mr. Kittson and gave the key to him, remarking what a short time he had been to his tea. After a lapse of from half an hour to three quarters deponent returned to the office, found Mr. Kittson there with Gordon trying a new pair of boots which Gordon offered to sell to deponent. Robert and Richard Butcher were also there; Kittson came round from behind the counter, and afterwards went away for some time, Gordon remained, determined to sell the boots if possible, and wished to borrow money. Before he left Mr. Joynt came in, and Mr. Kittson returned; deponent lent Gordon two dollars which he took from the Post Office, mentioning that he had done so to Mr. Kittson. About half past eight deponent left the office for the night. Mr. Kittson was then with the two boys and a man named Delany; deponent went to Ham's store with the boots, and found Mr. Ham, Mr. Noyes and another person there, remained with them about a quarter of an hour, and then told them he was going home. At Mr. George Boswell's store deponent met Mr. Joynt, who asked him if he would go to the Circus, but deponent declined and went home alone about half a mile. On arriving home deponent found his mother who expressed her surprise at deponent not going to the Circus; deponent retired to rest before ten o'clock. Deponent was not in the village again until about seven the following morning. Deponent did not go to the office till nearly eight. Mr. Kittson was there, Mr. Saunders afterwards came in, and Mr. Kittson then went away to breakfast. The office was kept open from that time until Mr. Kittson returned; neither

deponent nor Mr. Saunders left the office. on Mr. Kittson's return he went into his bed room and came to deponent and said he had received a box from below; then he went to his side of the office. In the course of half an hour the iron chest was opened; deponent thinks Mr. Kittson opened the bureau to get the key of the chest, as Mr. K. had usually first of all opened the bureau in the morning as deponent supposed to get out the key. All the Bank books are kept there. On opening the chest Mr. Kittson called out to Mr. Saunders that he was robbed; deponent supposed that he was speaking of the box he had received. He and Mr. Saunders both went to him, Mr. Kittson stated that all the bills were gone except a few tattered ones and some silver, and that some gold was gone, also some doubloons. Deponent does not remember if he closed the chest; Mr. Kittson immediately raised the trap door and went into the cellar without a light. He remained down a minute or two, came up, made no remark in deponent's hearing, and went out of the office. He returned in a very short time with Mr. Bethune and Mr. Clark. Deponent saw nothing to lead him to suppose the store had been forcibly entered. The table was not on the trap door when Mr. Kittson first went down, does not remember whether he closed the trap before he went out for Mr. Bethune. Mr. Kittson did not say in deponent's presence or Mr. Saunders's (before Mr. Bethune arrived) where he had left the key the preceding evening. About six weeks before that time the key of the chest had been found by Mrs. Burrell in making Mr. Kittson's bed. She handed it to deponent who gave it to Mr. Kittson; but no remark was made by any person on the subject of the key being in such a place. It was about nine in the morning, Mr. Saunders occasionally sleeps with Mr. Kittson. It was then stated that the sum abstracted was near two thousand pounds; deponent expected to meet a brother who he supposed was coming up in the Great Britain. Deponent always understood Mr. Kittson kept the key of the chest about him until after this money was lost. He then pointed out the place in the bureau where the keys were lying in the morning when he went to open the chest, saying that that was as he had left them the preceding evening. Mr. Clark was also present, Mr. Kittson did