

“ or more of them, declared that they would seize the said Sloop,
 “ were the Goods landed without a Permit, and have, neverthe-
 “ less, in an unfair Manner, as stated to your Worship, got hold
 “ of, and kept from the said John Sparke, the Permit which they
 “ themselves had granted, and have farther made an Erasure in
 “ his Report written in their Books, and have added other Words
 “ to it, since his signing it, and without his Knowledge or Con-
 “ sent; and that the said Officers, some One or more of them,
 “ have also publicly declared, that were the Sloop sold, they
 “ would immediately seize her, which has prevented any Purchaser
 “ since appearing. So that your Memorialist, with the said John
 “ Sparke, are detained here, away from their Business at Fermuse,
 “ on heavy Expences, the said Sloop prevented from being sold, her
 “ Hatches Twice forcibly broken open, her Cargo plundered, and
 “ every unfair Means taken to injure the said Estate, avowedly be-
 “ cause your Memorialist persists in refusing illegally to discharge
 “ the said Bill for Fees that were charged last Year to P. Leigh
 “ & C°. by which Means the said Estate is and may be very ma-
 “ terially injured, to an Amount, as your Mem^r apprehends, not
 “ less than Two hundred Pounds.

“ Your Memorialist therefore humbly prays that your
 “ Worship will cause an immediate Prosecution to be
 “ commenced and carried on in your Worship's Court,
 “ humbly conceiving that the Transaction, being
 “ chiefly below High Water Mark, and wholly Ma-
 “ ritime, comes under its Jurisdiction, against the said
 “ Jon^r Ogden, D^r Coke, and P. M^rKie, Esq^r, and
 “ others concerned,

“ &c. &c.

“ St. John's, Newfoundland,

“ 16 August, 1789.

JOHN LEIGH.

“ JOHN LEIGH, late of Dartmouth, but now of Lisbon,
 “ in the Kingdom of Portugal, Merchant, maketh Oath, That the
 “ before written is a Copy of a Memorial, or the true Purport
 “ and Effect thereof, which was delivered by him to William
 “ Carter, Esq^r, Judge of the Vice Admiralty Court, in the Island
 “ of Newfoundland, and that the same is all of this Deponent's
 “ Hand Writing.

“ JOHN LEIGH.

“ Sworn in the Borough of
 “ Clifton Dartmouth, Hardness,
 “ the 16th April, 1793, before
 “ me,

“ Arthur Holdsworth, Mayor.

“ Bond