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In St. John in August, 1827, Daniel Kar, and William T. Green were convicted of having passed counterfeit money, and having in their possession machinery for graining (?) counterfeit Spanish dollars—they were sentenced to three months in the county jail, and to stand one hour in the pillory on the 27th inst. The following description of their public appearance appeared in the "Herald," written by the editor, who evidently received his information from a jubilant spectator of the scene: "Kar and Green made their appearance (a grotesque one truly) in the pillory on Monday last, being the first exhibition of the kind in this country: we understand that during the performance they participated freely of eggs and onions, the quality whereof is said to have been infamous, and absolutely unwholesome, still we trust it will have the salutary effect of deterring the knaves from the prosecution of the trade of dollar making, unless by honest industry." With regard to the above it would appear that the punishment of the pillory was infrequent in St. John—in his remarks the editor calls it "the first exhibition of the kind in this country" evidently having forgotten the case of John Cory, who stood in the pillory as before mentioned, on September 21, 1819—eight years previous.

The first recorded case I have, was that of John Smith, a lay reader of Trinity church who was paid £20 a year for reading the gospel and conducting a public school in a small building on the west side of the harbour—he was convicted of a shameful offence, in the June term of the Supreme Court, 1806, and sentenced to stand in the pillory in front of the City Hall, foot of King street.

There is no account of a woman having been put in the pillory, although in one instance she came very