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Sworn at Cobourg,
in the Newcastle Dis-
trict, this 26th June,
1853, before me

W. H. KERRAN.

R. HURRY, J. F.

The Deposition of EDWARD RUSSELL, of
the town of Cobourg, in the District of
Newcastle, Gentleman.

Deponent is in the employ of Mr. Bethune since the 16th day of April last. Is employed in the Post-office department, of which he has the general management.—The mails are all usually closed and made up by 10 o'clock. Deponent was informed by Mr. Saunders, the first or second day that he went into Mr. Bethune's employ, that he ought to be sworn in, and he made a copy of the oath, and was also informed by Mr. Saunders, that he, deponent, should go to Mr. Henry, who was a Magistrate, to be sworn. Deponent went out, saying that he would go and be sworn, but went to dinner, it being the dinner hour, and the house where deponent dined being on the road to Mr. Henry's. Deponent's reasons for not going to Mr. Henry's was, that he had never been to Mr. Henry's house or been introduced to him, and consequently felt a backwardness to go to him, not thinking it essential, and not having then had any instructions on the subject except what Mr. Saunders stated, and meaning to take some opportunity of being sworn, for which purpose deponent carried the written oath in his pocket till it was nearly worn out.—Deponent heard Mr. Bethune enquire of Mr. Kitten, shortly after the 16th April last, whether he had been sworn, and Mr. Kitten replied in the affirmative, upon which deponent, as he still intended to be sworn, did not feel it necessary to make any remark. Deponent in fact did take the oath before Mr. Henry on Tuesday last.

On the 15th day of May last, after closing the Mail for Kingston, about two p.m. Mr. Kitten handed to deponent a free letter and a parcel, both addressed to John Macaulay, Esq. Kingston. The packet was marked money on the outside. The canvass bag, in which letters for Kingston and places to the eastward of it are usually put had not been closed, but the mails were all made up. Deponent opened the mail for Kingston, which contained two En-

glish letters only, and enclosed the letter directed to Mr. Macaulay, marked the post bill and free letter, and under the head money letter, put the direction 'see packet, John Macaulay, Esq.' Deponent then made up and sealed the Kingston mail again, putting into it the two English letters and the free letter addressed to Mr. Macaulay, but not the packet marked money. Deponent put up the mail for Montreal, a mail for Prescott, and the mail for Kingston into a canvass bag, which he tied up but did not seal it. The bag remained in the office until the stage arrived, but it was scarcely possible any one could have meddled with it. Deponent has no recollection that he left it until he enclosed the whole for Kingston, but cannot say whether he tied up the canvass bag immediately after he had altered the Kingston mail, or delayed doing so until the stage arrived. The stage arrived about three quarters of an hour after the mails were made up.—They were enclosed in the leather bag, looked by deponent, and delivered to a man named Atwood, the stage driver. The money packet was equal in bulk to all the other inclosures in the canvass bag, and if it had not been there when the mails were put into the leather bag it must have attracted deponent's notice. Deponent has no reason whatever to believe it was abstracted before the mail bag was delivered to Atwood. Mr. Kitten and Mr. Saunders were in the office the whole time, but deponent alone made up and delivered the mails. Deponent informed Mr. Kitten on his enquiry that he had sent it. Deponent has frequently sent money packets to Kingston without enclosing them in the mail for that place, always, however, entering them on the post bill. Sometimes they have been enclosed in the mail, but packets have not been sent in this way to any other office. Mr. Kitten did not usually attend to the putting up the money packets after once delivering them to deponent. The canvass bag sent that day was marked Kingston on one side and Cobourg on the other; the post bill was put up with the Kingston mail and sealed up with it.—The stage-driver's way bill is marked with the time of arrival and departure; ten minutes is the time usually allowed as enough for opening and closing the bag again.—Deponent believed he himself marked the way-bill on this occasion. The entry was