

“ Goods on board her (all of which were a Part of the said Effects)
 “ to a large Amount, intended to be sold; that the said Goods
 “ were advertised to be sold by Public Auction on the Thirteenth
 “ Instant, and a Part of them taken on Shore on the Wharf of
 “ Messrs. W^m Gaden and Son, and sold, the Master having
 “ received a Permit from the said Officers of the Customs for
 “ landing them; that whilst the Goods were so selling, the said
 “ D'Ewes Coke, Esq^r, desired the said John Sparke to let him
 “ look at the Permit, which being granted, he having got the
 “ Permit into his Hand, refused to return it, directing the said
 “ John Sparke to inform your Memorialist that he would, by some
 “ Means or other, get Payment of the said Bill drawn last Year
 “ for Custom House Fees; that the said Peter M'Kie did then
 “ proceed to the Wharf where the Sloop lay, and the Goods
 “ were selling, and ordered the Auctioneer to sell no more, tak-
 “ ing a Parcel of Rugs that were for Sale on the Wharf, and
 “ throwing them on board the said Sloop; that your Mem^r
 “ then hastened to the Custom House, and prayed to Jonⁿ Og-
 “ den and D'Ewes Coke, Esq^r, that the Sale might be permitted
 “ to go on, a large Number of People being then, in consequence
 “ of the Advertisement, assembled on the Wharf, and that the
 “ losing that Opportunity of disposing of the Effects would be at-
 “ tended with great Loss and Disadvantage, which Prayer of your
 “ Mem^r the said Officers refused to grant, saying, that they
 “ sho^d libel the said Sloop in your Worship's Court, and People
 “ to keep Possession for them were put on Board; that the said
 “ D'Ewes Coke and Peter M'Kie did afterwards go on board the
 “ said Sloop, and without waiting until the Key could be sent for
 “ from the Master, did forcibly break open the Hatches; and that
 “ on the Morning following, the said Sloop, with only One Man on
 “ Board her, left by the said Officers, was observed drifting from
 “ Place to Place.

“ That the said D'Ewes Coke and P. M'Kie did after-
 “ wards (on the 14. Inst.) proceed on board the said Sloop,
 “ and again wantonly break open the Hatches (your Mem^r does
 “ not know by whom they had in the interim been secured) and
 “ took from the said Sloop sundry Goods, to an Amount far
 “ exceeding that of the said Bill, leaving her not moored, nor se-
 “ cured from driving on Shore, or out to Sea, in which Situation
 “ your Mem^r found her deserted on the Night of the Four-
 “ teenth Instant, and procured her to be placed in a safe Birth,
 “ where she now lies. Your Mem^r humbly represents to your
 “ Worship, that the said Officers of the Customs, some one
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