

I never said that I would release their vessel; but told them it was not in my power to do it, as they had decidedly violated the Treaty of Convention between England and the United States; but, as they pleaded poverty, saying their vessel was their sole support, I told them I would recommend their case to Capt. Hoare of the Dotterel, my commanding officer. Both schooners, William and Galeon, I took to St. Andrew's next day. On the 25th of the same month, I received information from the master and crew of the fishing schooner Industry of Grand Menan, that several American fishing schooners were at anchor at Two Island Harbor, and that two of them, namely Reindeer and Ruby, of Lubec, were at White Island Harbor on the 24th, where they got their wood and water, and that, on their anchoring there, they told them and the inhabitants they were armed, and would not allow any man of war's boat to board them; and, after they had their supplies, they shifted to Two Island Harbor. At daylight, the 26th, observed four schooners at anchor at Two Island Harbor, which got under weigh on our appearance. When I got close, three of them, they lashed alongside each other, and all hands, about thirty in number, went on board the middle one, with fire arms and fish spears. I desired them to separate, which they refused to do until I threatened to fire on them. On boarding them, they proved to be the Reindeer, Ruby, Friends, and Diligent, American fishing schooners. It being fine weather, and they not in want of wood or water, I detained the Reindeer and Ruby, and, by the sanction of the masters of the Diligent and Friends, I put the crews of the Reindeer and Ruby on board of them, with as much provisions as they wished to take, and on our passage to St. Andrew's, the said schooners Reindeer and Ruby were forcibly taken from me by armed vessels under American colors, as stated in my letter of the 27th of July last.

I have the honor to be, &c. &c.

JOHN JONES,

Master of His Majesty's sloop Dotterel.

RICHARD HOARE,
Commander.

HIS MAJESTY'S SLOOP DOTTEREL,

9th November, 1824.

SIR: In obedience to your orders, I herewith add a statement of the Pilgrim and Hero, American fishing schooners.

On the 16th of June, last, I observed these schooners lying off the Grand Menan, and upon approaching them, one of the schooners got under weigh and stood in for the shore; 3 30, P. M. observed the schooner under weigh heave her lines overboard, and haul in fish, the schooner then within one and a half mile of the island; 3 40, fired and brought to the schooner; 3 45, boarded the Pilgrim, then about one mile, or one mile and a quarter from the shore; she had on board.