

William Hill, able, born in Philadelphia, aged 21. —
Entered at Antigua.

Q. Do you know the prisoner to be one of the men you have now named?

A. Yes I do, by the name of Jenkin Ratford.

Q. Have you any reason for believing the prisoner to be born in London?

A. I think I was present when his description was taken, and he gave the place of his birth, London, himself.

The prisoner having no questions to ask, the evidence withdrew; and

Mr. James Baikie, Secretary to Vice-Admiral Berkeley, sworn to the following letters being true copies of those sent to the Commander in Chief; when they were read, and are as follow:

TO JOHN ERSKINE DOUGLAS, ESQUIRE,

Captain of His Majesty's Ship *Bellona*, and Senior Officer,
Es. Es. Chesapeake.

His Majesty's Ship *Leopard*, at Sea,
22d June, 1807.

SIR,

IN obedience to your signal this morning, to weigh and reconnoitre, S. E. by E. I have the honor to acquaint you, that having arrived off Cape Henry, to the distance of about four or five leagues, I bore up, pursuant to orders from the Commander in Chief, to search for Deserters on board the United States frigate Chesapeake.