

ten, until about half past eleven that same evening; deponent left the office again after trying the boots, accompanied by the two boys. Mr. Rubidge tried on the boots, and deponent thinks he left Gordon there with him. Deponent remained away half an hour with the boys, and again returned to the office; found several persons there, among them Mr. Rubidge, Gordon, and three strangers, as deponent believes; deponent went away for a short time and again returned; Gordon was still there as he thinks; deponent remained until about half past eight, and locked up the office, and took away the key—no other person went into the office. Before deponent left the office, he examined all the bolts of the window shutters, and says that they were all keyed; he went into the cellar and found it was insecure, and secured it by planting a beam, one end on the ground and the other against the door, and put a cask of tobacco against the door, tried it with considerable force, and found it firm. This was a usual practice, and the deponent seldom if ever went to bed without doing it himself; deponent went to the Circus, and while then felt in his pockets, and ascertained that he had the keys of the office and bureau. About half past eleven deponent returned to the office accompanied by the two boys, and went down to the cellar to draw some beer; while there deponent looked at the door, it appeared as he had left it. The keg of tobacco could not have been placed as it then lay from the outside, the deponent had to remove a table (one leg of which rested on the trap door which goes in the cellar) when he went down—he had placed the leg of the table on this trap door previous to leaving the office, at half past eight; this however might have been replaced by a person opening the cellar door from below. Found a lighted candle in the office in the same place he had left it in, which was on the opposite side of the office to that where the iron chest stands. It would not, in deponent's opinion, be possible to see what was in the chest if the candle stood there.—From the appearance of the candle it did not seem to have moved from the time he had left it. The boys went away in a short time; deponent went home with them, locking the office door and taking away the key—on his return from the Circus with the boys deponent opened the bureau.—

The keys of the iron chest and of the upper part of the bureau lay, as deponent had left them; the lock of the bureau appeared exactly as usual, the key turning as in general, the doors of the bureau were fast, and from the appearance could not have been opened unless by unlocking the door; the door was locked when deponent went to it; there was no apparent change about the door or any thing inside to excite remark or suspicion. Deponent thinks he left the bureau open while he accompanied the boys home; he was not away with them five minutes. Deponent unlocked the bureau after coming up out of the cellar with the beer. On his return from seeing the boys home, deponent took the key of the iron chest and put it between the straw bed and the feather bed on which he slept; deponent left it there, after getting up in the morning, till he returned from breakfast, when deponent went to breakfast he left Mr. Saunders and a stranger in the office. Deponent was away about an hour, on his return left Rubidge and Mr. Saunders were in the office. Deponent first opened the shutters on the Bank side of the office, which were fastened as he had left them, on the preceding evening, and then went for the key of the iron chest; on opening the chest, immediately after, deponent found that the parcel of bills that he had put in on the preceding evening, and the bag of gold had been abstracted, there had been a linen bag also in the chest about fifteen inches long and seven inches wide, was likewise taken away; deponent is certain the chest was locked when he went to it; the lid is heavy and difficult to raise; the bar against the cellar door appeared firm; when deponent went down to examine it for the purpose of seeing if any entry had been made that way. Deponent observed some foot marks on the side of the cellar door, apparently fresh; there was the mark of the heel of a boot. Deponent has since been informed that a man who wears a boot exactly fitting this mark was at work there on the previous day, the cellar then being open for him. There were marks of foot steps on the ground under the stoop; a person crawling under the stoop might in that way get to the inner door of the cellar. There is no other getting to it without forcing a door or window, or tearing down boards, nothing of which kind was done; a person