

Evidence of the crew of the Dotterel's tender, relative to the detention of the American fishing schooners Hero and Pilgrim.

William Payne, marine, examined.

Ques. Were you in the Dotterel's tender with Mr. S. R. Protheroe when he detained the American fishing schooner Hero and Pilgrim?

Ans. Yes.

Relate the particulars respecting their detention.

I first saw the Pilgrim about two miles from the land fishing; made the best of our way to close her, and boarded her, having live fish on her deck. Mr. Protheroe asked them what business they had to fish in our waters. They replied they thought it was not in our waters. Mr. Protheroe then said, I shall detain you, and take you to St. John's. I was directed by Mr. Protheroe to take charge of the Pilgrim, with another seaman, and to follow him; I afterward observed the tender board another schooner, which proved to be the Hero.

Ques. What distance was the Hero from the land when Mr. Protheroe boarded her?

Ans. About two miles.

State what followed after leaving the Menan.

We anchored in Beaver harbor with the Hero and Tender, and afterwards proceeded the same day and anchored in Mason's bay. Late one evening Mr. Protheroe sent us our evening's grog, and my having the middle watch I went below and laid down on the lockers to sleep. In the middle of the night I was awoken by the motion of the vessel, and endeavored to get on deck, but could not, as the companion hatch was secured down against me. I then forced it open, and went on deck, and found the vessel under weigh in the possession of the Americans. The seaman with me refusing his assistance, I was obliged to submit, and forcibly carried to Lubec, where they allowed me to go on shore. From thence I made the best of my way to St. John's, and re-joined the Dotterel.

Ques. Did you at any time hear Mr. Protheroe make use of any abusive language to the Americans?

Ans. No.

Ques. Did you hear, or know, that Mr. Protheroe at any time compelled the Americans to assist in working the vessel?

Ans. No. But they did assist with their own free will.

John Donovan, seaman, examined.

Ques. Were you in the Dotterel's tender with Mr. Protheroe when he detained the American schooners Hero and Pilgrim?

Ans. Yes.

Relate all the particulars you know relative to their detention.

We fell in with the Pilgrim while running into the Menans. I think she was about a mile and a half from the land: saw them haul-