

afterwards we again fell in with her at anchor in a narrow passage in the Menan, boarded her and found them cleaning their fish, and throwing the gurry overboard. Mr. Jones asked what they were doing there, they said they had come in for wood and water.

Ques. What quantity of wood and water had they on board?

Ans. Two quarter casks full on deck and some in the hold; but do not know the quantity, and had about a cord and a half of wood.

Ques. How was the weather when you detained her?

Ans. Fine weather and a light breeze.

Ques. Do you know if the wind was fair for going to the fishing ground?

Ans. Yes, it was.

We, the undersigned, have examined the aforesaid persons, belonging to His Majesty's sloop Dotterel, taking the minutes of their depositions respecting the detention of the American fishing schooner Rebecca, and we do declare, that their evidence has been taken in a very impartial manner, and the persons aforesaid have not been biased in any way whatever.

JOHN COOKE, *Senior Lieut.*

*His Majesty's Sloop Dotterel:*

JAMES AZZARD, *Purser, Ditto.*

RICHARD HOARE, *Commander.*

*Evidence of Mr. Touzeau, Midshipman, and the crew of the yawl boat, belonging to H. M. sloop Dotterel, relative to the detention of the American fishing schooner "William."*

Mr. Touzeau, Midshipman, examined relative to the detention of the American schooner "William."

Ques. Were you in the yawl when Mr. Jones detained the American schooner William?

Ans. Yes.

State the particulars.

Mr. Jones sent me with James Lloyd, marine, on a point of land to look out,—we saw two or three vessels working up; observed one of them anchor in the Gull cove. Mr. Jones went out in the small boat to board her; he hailed us to come along-side in the yawl, which we did, and found Mr. Jones had detained her. We then took their fish-knives from them, having heard by some people, both on shore, and on board some English vessels, that they would oppose us in boarding. We unbent her sails, and took them with us in the yawl: also her boat.

Ques. Do you know Mr. Jones's reason for taking her boat?

Ans. Yes: to prevent her crew going on shore to exchange fish for rum, knowing that another American fishing vessel had done the like with Mr. Fowler, at Gull Cove the same day: also to prevent their getting water, as the American fishermen generally make that a pretext for coming in.

Ques. What quantity of wood and water had she on board?