

what circumstances I detained the American fishing schooners at different anchorages at the Grand Menan, while cruising in the yawl, in pursuance of your orders, for the protection of our fisheries, that, on the 2d day of July last, on boarding an English vessel, I found a man named Wright officiating as pilot to carry her to Grand Harbor, who told me that he belonged to the American fishing schooner Rebecca, then at anchor at Woodward's Cove, and that they came there for water. Satisfied with his assertion, I continued cruising, and, shortly after, I observed the American vessel getting under weigh, leaving the said man (Wright) behind. I ran down towards her, they not heaving to after we fired several shots across their bow. I chased her over to the Nova Scotia shore, where I lost sight of her. On the 6th following, I found the said American schooner Rebecca at anchor cleaning fish, and throwing the offals overboard, and the aforesaid man (Wright) on board. It being fine weather, and they having three barrels of water on board, with a sufficient quantity of wood, I detained her and took her to St. John's.

On the 15th of the same month, I found the American fishing schooner William anchoring in Gull Cove; the weather was fine until after she got in, when it came on foggy with light breezes, and they having two barrels of water on board, which myself, Mr. Touzeau, and boat's crew, subsequently used from, and plenty of wood, I detained her. Having found the American schooner Rover, of Addison, Crowley master, landing a great part of her cargo of green fish to a Mr. Fowler's, at Gull Cove, I made the William's boat fast to the yawl for the night, to prevent their crew from doing the same. As for their getting water about sunset, and a vessel to anchor alongside of them, Mr. Touzeau and I know it to be impossible, as I had a sentry planted on shore about two cables' length from them; and, if they received any water after dark, it was done as a pretext, for the boat's crew were witnesses to the water I found on board when I first boarded her; and, that I threatened to confine the master to the deck, and lash a pump brake across his mouth, as stated in their protest, that is false. On my first boarding her, with only three men in our small boat, they were very abusive to us, and one of them said, if they were all of his mind, they would heave that fellow overboard, pointing to me. I told him if he did not keep quiet, I would lash him to the deck. At 3, P. M., same day, 15th, I received information from the fishermen at Gull Cove, as well as from the master and crew of the fishing schooner Minerva, of Grand Menan, that an American schooner was at anchor at Beal's passage. I went out from Gull Cove and saw her there; at nine o'clock in the evening, I boarded her, which proved to be the American fishing schooner Galeon, and found all the crew asleep. On questioning the master the reason of his being there, he told me he came to throw the gurry, offal of the fish, overboard. They not being in want of wood or water, and a fine fair wind for them, I detained her, got her under weigh, and ran for Gull Cove, a direct course for their fishing ground. What the crew of the last mentioned vessel asserted in their protest is not true.