

quantity than any other banker for the season. Mr. Cozzens' statement as to being surrounded by sixty boats is contradicted by the fact that there are, according to the last census, only forty-three boats in the place; also as regards the wind being on shore, this statement is directly contradicted by all the witnesses, and I should consider that very little weight ought to be attached to the evidence of one who, as is shown by Mr. Tulk, the Preventive Officer's, evidence, attempted to pass off a forged receipt on him for his light dues.

Broad Cove is a very small place, the people are very peaceable, industrious, and thrifty; all this dispute arose from jealousy because some were making more out of the stranger than others; it was a petty local squabble.

I have, &c.
(Signed) D. W. PROWSE

Inclosure 3 in No. 13.

Statement of Benjamin Squires.

To wit,

Central District, Broad Cove, Newfoundland.

THE examination of Benjamin Squires, of Broad Cove, fisherman, taken upon oath, who saith:—I remember the American schooner "Mist," Cozzens master, being in Broad Cove in July 1877. When Cozzens came in he bought squids from some of the people and not from others; some of the people said he ought to buy from all hands, if he would not buy from all he should not jig. Cozzens said he would not buy his bait, he would jig it. On the first morning after he came in he did jig his bait; he also jigged bait on the two other days he remained in the cove. No one interfered with him or prevented him from jigging. No one offered him any violence, or injured his jiggers or any other part of his fishery gear. The dispute principally arose amongst the people themselves. Some of the Broad Cove men who had sold squids to Cozzens remained aboard, and were jigging from his vessel, and it was only from those who were aboard of his schooner, and jigging for him, that he would buy. The fishermen in the boats said he should buy from all hands. Those aboard the schooner said he should not. Afternoons, Cozzens bought from all hands, and jigged a large quantity himself. Not much the first day, bait was scarce, except in the morning; but he did well on the second and third days. Cozzens came into Broad Cove again that summer, after, and bought and jigged his bait as he did before. He was also in Broad Cove this summer getting bait. On neither occasion did he say one word about being injured or interfered with by the Broad Cove people. No one in Broad Cove prevented Cozzens from jigging what bait he liked. I was aboard of his schooner and saw the crew jigging each day. They jigged about 10,000 squids themselves. I saw the tubs on deck, and could tell what they caught. Cozzens showed me what his crew had jigged; he did not buy more than 20,000 squids. The wind was not on the shore, it was south south-west, and off the land; it was blowing a good breeze. Cozzens' crew on that trip jigged as much squids as any other banker which was in Broad Cove that summer. Generally the crews don't trouble themselves to jig, they prefer buying their bait, and the crew walk about ashore. Cozzens only arrived early on that morning, and he could not have taken 500 squids when the dispute arose. Mr. Tulk did not arrive until 4 in the afternoon, and Cozzens then had all the squids that were caught that day bought. At the time of the dispute there were about ten boats around the schooner, and most of these were single-handed. There are only forty boats in Broad Cove.

(Signed) BENJAMIN SQUIRES.

Sworn before me at Broad Cove, this 17th day of September, A.D. 1879.

(Signed) D. W. PROWSE,
Stipendiary Magistrate.

Inclosure 4 in No. 13.

Statement of Henry Tucker.

THE examination of Henry Tucker, of Broad Cove, fisherman, taken upon oath, who saith:—I remember going to Cozzens' schooner "Mist" about the 8th July, 1877, to sell him squids; it was about 7 A.M. There were some Broad Cove fishermen aboard jigging squids from the stern of the schooner. Cozzens would buy no squids from me; he would only buy from those who were aboard of his vessel, or fastened on to her. I asked him to