

**TRIAL**  
OF  
**JOHN WILSON, alias JENKIN RATFORD:**

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*MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Court Martial assembled and held on board His Majesty's Ship Belleisle, in Halifax Harbour, Nova-Scotia, on Wednesday, 26th August, 1807, to try JENKIN RATFORD, of his Majesty's Ship Halifax, for Mutiny, Desertion, and Contempt, as set forth in a Letter from her Commander, The Right Honourable Lord JAMES TOWNSHEND.*

**PRESENT,**

The Hon. Sir ALEXANDER COCHRANE, K. B.  
*Rear Admiral of the White, and Second Officer in the Command at Halifax, President.*

**CAPTAINS,**

FRANCIS PICKMORE, WILLIAM CHARLES FAHIE, EDWARD HAWKER, JOHN ERSKINE DOUGLAS, PHILIP BEAVER, NATHANIEL DAY COCHRANE,

*Being all the Captains of the rank of Post at this place.*

On the Court assembling, at half past ten o'clock, the prisoner being brought forward, the evidence called over, and audience admitted, read the Order addressed to the President from the Honourable GEORGE CRANFIELD BERKELEY, Vice Admiral of the White, and Commander in Chief at Halifax, Nova-Scotia, &c. dated the 25th of August, and the President's Order to the Judge Advocate to officiate as such, when the Members, and Judge Advocate were severally sworn, agreeable to Act of Parliament; and the following letter, containing the charges against the prisoner, read: