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afterwards. Mr. Rubidge was at the table and Mr. Saunders at his desk, a few feet distant. Mr. Saunders was in the habit of occasionally assisting Mr. Rubidge. Can-
not say whether Mr. Saunders assisted in putting up this mail or not. In about an hour afterwards deponent saw the bag for Kingston and other mails packed up, ready to be sent and laying on the same table; did not however examine them, and only supposed the bag contained the Mails for Kingston and east thereof, because those mails were usually sent in a canvass bag. Thinks the stage arrived after twelve o'clock. Deponent enquired whether his parcel had been sent, and Mr. Rubidge replied it has; this enquiry was made, as deponent thinks, before the mail bags left the office. Mr. Saunders was a sworn clerk. Deponent is also a sworn clerk.—Mr. Rubidge was not at that time; he was sworn a few days ago; it is a part of the directions of the Post Master General that all clerks or persons employed in that office should be sworn. Deponent apprised Mr. Rubidge of the necessity of his being sworn when he first came into the office. No particular enquiry however was made by deponent or Mr. Bethune, to deponent's knowledge, whether Mr. Rubidge has been sworn. On Tuesday last deponent learned from Mr. Rubidge, in answer to a remark that deponent made, that he (Mr. R.) was not sworn. Mr. Rubidge stated that he had gone at the time deponent supposed, for the purpose of being sworn, but from a feeling of bashfulness, he had not gone to Mr. Henry but to dinner. On Wednesday 22d May, deponent sent another parcel to Mr. Macaulay, at Kingston, and in a letter stated to him that the receipt of the parcel sent on the 19th had not been acknowledged. Deponent had previously expressed his surprise to Mr. Bethune that it had not been acknowledged. Such acknowledgment was usually received on the Tuesday following the day on which the packet was sent. On the Sunday following the 22d May, deponent received a letter, stating that Mr. Macaulay had not received the packet sent on the 19th. Mr. Rubidge stated to deponent that he had not put this packet of money into an envelope with other Kingston letters, but had only enclosed it in the canvass bag already referred to—this statement was made after it was known that the packet had not arrived at King-

ston. The printed post office regulations and instructions were put up in an adjoining office, where the post-office was formerly kept, but that is now used as a bed room and no business is transacted there—it has remained there till to day. When deponent was unable to get his letter ready by the hour appointed for closing the mail, he was in the habit of requesting Mr. Rubidge to keep the mail open, which was usually done. Deponent delivered packets to Mr. Rubidge in a similar way on former occasions, of the safe receipt of which he has been advised.

On the evening of Wednesday the 19th June inst. about six, deponent put by the Bank and other money and papers in the ordinary way in the iron chest, there were then put into the chest a large quantity of bills of different Banks, some of Lower Canada, some of the Commercial Bank, and the principal part of the Bank of Upper-Canada, there were no bill of a higher denomination than ten dollars; cannot state what amount was in the iron chest, nor is he able now to say with any certainty but there was certainly more than £1,500 in Bank Notes, there were also fifteen Doubloons, and about fifty Sovereigns in a small bag in the chest, and three bags of silver. There is a bureau divided into two parts which lock with separate keys, standing by the iron chest; Deponent locked the iron chest and the upper part of the bureau, and put both those keys into the lower part of the bureau which he locked, and took away the key with him when he went to tea. Deponent left Mr. Rubidge alone in the office; Deponent returned in a very short time, say about ten minutes, met Mr. Rubidge a short distance east of the office, and received the key thereof from him; found the office locked, opened it, and went in, it was empty. Mr. John Gordon shortly came in and offered to sell deponent a pair of boots; two boys named Butcher came in also about the same time; Gordon brought the boots within the enclosure of the office on the Bank side for deponent to try. He was then with the deponent probably a quarter of an hour; during that time deponent did not go out while Mr. Gordon and the two boys were there, Mr. Rubidge came in; deponent did not go to the bureau in which was locked the key of the iron chest from the time he locked it up, previous to his going to