

Witness engages most of the Servants for the Planters here, and is always bound to bring them home for nothing; that he places them out under the Planter, and buys of the Planter the whole Produce of the Voyage, and charges him with the Amount of the Men's Wages; that the Fishery thus described is called The Resident Fishery; that these Boats are the Property of Residents in Newfoundland.—And being asked, Whether these Boats do never belong to Persons in England? he said, Some Boats belong to the Planter, and some to the Merchant; that the whole of the Fishermen, though they do not return Annually, do come Home when they can suit themselves; that the Witness's usual way is to hire the Green Men for Two Summers and a Winter, the Winter they remain in Newfoundland, and return generally at the Expiration of the Time of their Servitude.—And being asked, Whether that Part of the Act of the 15th of George the Third is executed in Fortune Bay? he said, It is not.—And being asked, How did he know then, that the Price of a Passage is £. 3? he said, Those that are not our Servants, they charge £. 3, but very often nothing.—And being asked, What Proportion of Fish is caught by Boats, whose Owners return Annually to Great Britain? he said, More than Half.—And being asked, Whether the Losses the Adventurers have sustained have been the Means of the Increase he speaks of? he said, Yes.—And being asked, What Number of Banking Ships were then in Fortune Bay? he said, Sometimes Four, and last Year Two.—And being asked, If he spoke of any other Part of the Fishery except that which is carried on in Fortune Bay? he said, No.—Then,

Mr. PETER OUGIER being examined, said, That in Consequence of the Collector's and Comptroller's Representation of the Dartmouth Merchants, respecting their Objections to pay Custom House Fees, he delivered in to your Committee a Memorial of Mr. John Leigh to the Worshipful William Carter Esquire, Judge of the Vice Admiralty Court in the Island of Newfoundland, together with Mr. Leigh's Affidavit thereupon, which totally contradicts the Charge made against him; and he also delivered in to your Committee a Copy of the Proceedings of the Court of Admiralty at Newfoundland on the Subject, which are as follow :