

was not; because, if I mistake not, we went down the river at that time, and left him behind, to the best of my knowledge.

Court.—Q. Were you at any time absent from the ship between the 2d day of August and the last of September?

A. I believe I might have been.

Q. Are you sure the ship was absent from Quebec during those two months?

A. I did not remark the period of her return to Quebec.

Q. You say that you have been on shore frequently in those months, might not John Francis have been on board in that time?

A. If during the period mentioned the ship was at Quebec, there is a possibility that he might.

This witness was also ordered to withdraw, and Mr. WILLIAM MOORE, purser of his Majesty's ship the *Thistle*, was called into court and sworn.

Prosecutor.—Q. Did you not, on the 29th day of October, 1787, per log, go with the captain's clerk about 8 o'clock in the morning with the Monthly Book for August and September to captain Coffin's lodgings to have it altered?

A. I do not remember ever going with the captain's clerk and the Monthly Book to captain Coffin's lodgings.

Q. Were the Monthly Books for August and September ever altered?

A. I believe they were altered.

Q. Did