

Charlottetown, after apparent failure at length elicited one ray of hope. In an old journal was found the following :—

“ MARCH TERM, 6TH WILLIAM THE FOURTH,
ANNO DOMNI, 1836.

His Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature Court of Assize and general Gaol delivery holden at Georgetown, within and for King's County, in Prince Edward Island, on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, in the sixth year of the Reign of King William the Fourth, being the first day of March.

Wednesday,

9th March, 1836,

THE KING

VS.

LAUHLIN MCPHEE.

and

PETER WHITTY.

Attorney General moves that defendants' recognizance be continued until the sitting of the Court of Vice-Admiralty Court.
Be it so.

Halifax Office was then, at the suggestion of the Registrar for Prince Edward Island, searched as perhaps the only place in Canada where anything bearing on the case was likely to be found. The Admiralty records there for the period from August 1834, to May 1, 1838, were carefully gone over—twice—and the following from the Registrar's letter shows the result :—

“ I conclude from your letter that any process issued here in this matter would be subsequent to 7th March, 1836, but am persuaded that up to 1st May, 1838 there is nothing.”

But the paper was somewhere, and had to be found.

The editor of THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MAGAZINE with characteristic kindness had a search made throughout the store whence is obtained part, at least, of the material for the department “ From old P. E. Island newspaper files,” but again the search was in vain. A second search in the Legislative Library by, or for, the same gentleman proved useless. But the lost has been found. Through the courtesy of the erudite Librarian of St. Dunstan's College, Prof. John McLellan, the writer is now enabled to lay before the reader an account of one of the most interesting incidents in the early chapters of our “rough island story;” an account of the Acteon trial.

The evidence is long, and will doubtless prove tedious