

Q. Did you buy her tackle, rigging, &c.? A. I did suppose I bought all at the auction; but demanding the sails and rigging, I could not get them—they were not to be found—I never got them—I was told they were stolen—I still kept the boat, because she was worth much more—indeed she is worth more now at this day.

Q. Where is she now? A. By the shore side, owned by one of the Wallers, as I think.

Q. What is she now worth? A. Indeed I know not; I am not a judge; yet I think she could not be built under 300 dollars—she is yet able to work—was no doubt a well-built boat, better than usual on this side; she was from 50 to 53 or 54 feet keel, and 10 or 11 beam.

Q. What might the sails be worth? A. In estimating her value at 300 dollars I meant to include sails.

Q. To whom did you pay the value of the boat? A. To Mr. Hamilton or Mr. Allan I certainly paid the money, but to which I do not recollect; but I think Mr. Allan.

HON. WM. ALLAN—Called.

Q. Were you in Lower Canada at the time of seizure of said boat? A. I was absent during the whole of the summer of 1815—returning in the fall, I can positively say I was not here at the time of seizure; I may have been here at the time of first coming in of the boat in the spring, though I am not certain.

Q. Was Mr. Hamilton your Deputy? A. Yes—he was.

Q. How long was the boat kept before trial? A. I cannot say.

Q. Do you recollect the amount the boat and goods sold for? A. Not the smallest recollection.

Q. Do you know if any report was made to the Inspector-General?

A. I do not—it is always usual to make return of seizures to the Inspector, and send a copy to the Attorney or Solicitor General at same time; I presume it was done in this case also, but cannot say.

Q. Was Hamilton your Deputy at the time? A. He was, and I must presume he did so.

Q. Did you receive the proceeds of the sale, or any part? A. I do not think I did receive any; there is some possibility of it, but I do not think I got any of it.

Q. Did Mr. Hamilton, as your Deputy, make returns of money to the Inspector-General or Receiver-General? A. Never.

Q. Do you know what became of the tackle of the boat? A. I do not know.

*I received no redress.*

That, notwithstanding these losses, I persevered in my original intention of becoming a permanent settler, (with the intention of keeping a public-house;) purchased a piece of land on Yonge Street, about 13 miles from York; built thereon a commodious house, and there expended the greatest part of my remaining means. I then applied for a license, but was refused, as I had not taken the Oath of Allegiance.

I made application to the proper authority to be permitted to take the Oath of Allegiance as prescribed by law. The following statements will show the manner in which I have been fleeced of my rights in this instance by those at the head of affairs:—