

water, they shifted to Two Island harbour. We got under weigh the yawl about nine o'clock in the evening, and went towards Two Island harbour and anchored about two o'clock in the morning. At day-light we observed several vessels at anchor at Two Island harbour, and shortly after got underweigh; when we chased them, observed three of them lashed together, and all the crews collected on board the middle one; we ordered them to separate, which at first they refused to do, until Mr. Jones threatened to fire on them; they dropped clear of each other; we boarded them, and detained the American schooners Reindeer and Ruby; Mr. Jones asked the master of the other two American shallops, if they were willing to take the crews of the Reindeer and Ruby on board for a passage home; they answered they were willing to do so. Mr. Jones gave them as much provisions as they choosed to take, and put them on board, with the exception of the masters; about eight o'clock we made sail, Mr. Jones in the Reindeer and myself in the Ruby, for St. Andrew's; while beating up through East Quoddy about 6 P. M. when abreast of the harbour Delute, observed two schooners coming down towards us full of armed men, and wearing American colours, one of them making towards me, and the other to Mr. Jones. The one abreast of me ran alongside and boarded, with about forty-five men with pistols, swords, and muskets, and fixed bayonets; when they got on board they took possession of the Ruby, and took the arms from my crew. One of the men with his musket and fixed bayonet, made a thrust at one of my men, named James Lloyd, (marine) but Mr. Howard, leader of their party, parried the thrust off. The man again attempted to knock the marine down with the butt end of his musket, which Mr. Howard again parried off, and ordered him not to use violence against any of my men, as he had got possession of the vessel, and which was all they wanted; they then fired off all their muskets and pistols, which were loaded. I observed the other schooner fire off muskets likewise; then I asked for the arms of my crew, which they gave me; we then shoved off and left them; after we had left and rejoined the yawl, they fired several volleys of musketry on board both schooners all the way to Eastport.

Ques. What quantity of wood and water had the Ruby on board?

Ans. There were two casks with water on deck; but cannot say whether there was any below, nor can I say what quantity of wood there was on board.

Ques. How was the wind?

Ans. A moderate breeze from N. W.

Ques. How was the weather?

Ans. Fine clear weather till we had possession of the schooners, and then it came on foggy, and cleared off again in the afternoon.

*Thomas Richardson (Seaman) examined:*

Ques. Were you in the yawl with Mr. Jones when he detained the American schooners Reindeer and Ruby?

Ans. Yes.