IN THE HIGH COURT OF ADMIRALTY OF IRELAND.

BEFORE THE HONORABLE JOHN FITZHENRY TOWNSEND, LL. D., THE JUDGE OF THE COURT.

No. 76.

CAUSE—The "Joseph Dexter" and Cargo, Lewis P. Fairbanks, Master.

In the matter of—FAIRBANKS, Petitioner.

Burchardt, Respondent.

Mr. Fairbanks appeared in person, unaided by Counsel or Solicitor.

John T. Hamerton, Esq., the Queen's Proctor, with Messieurs Elrington, LL. D., and Boyd, Q. C., acted on the part of the Defendant, who is a member of a firm of John W. Cater & Co., of Liverpool.

The "Joseph Dexter," a brigantine of 203 tons, owned at Halifax, Nova Scotia, in equal shares, by Lewis P. Fairbanks and the late firm of Salter & Twining, was loaded at Halifax with timber and deals by the owners on their joint account, and sailed for Queenstown, Ireland, on the 28th November, 1868, where she arrived on December 24th. Soon after her arrival at Queenstown, Mr. Fairbanks ascertained that Salter & Twining had fraudulently made over to the firm of Cater & Co., of Liverpool, all his (Fairbanks') interest in the ship and cargo. They (Salter & Twining) obtaining advances from Cater & Co. The sum drawn by Salter & Twining against the vessel and cargo amounting to £1700 (seventeen hundred pounds) sterling. Mr. Fairbanks would not recognise