

served them firing volleys of musketry and cheering on their way to Eastport, also observed firing on shore at Eastport.

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

Ans. Two or three casks, with plenty of wood.

Ques. How was the weather?

Ans. Very fine, with light breezes.

*William Payne, marine, examined.*

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

Ans. Yes, I was.

Relate the particulars respecting her detention.

I recollect on Sunday going out from Gull Cove, with Mr. Jones, in the small boat, and after pulling for some time, hauled the boat over a bar; shortly after boarded an English fishing schooner belonging to Grand Menan; the crew gave us information that some American schooners anchored there on Saturday night, fired their guns, and said that they did not care for any man of war's boat whatever, as they were as well armed as the men of war's boats. I saw the schooners at Two Island harbour at anchor when on board the Industry; and her crew said, we had better not go to them in the small boat, that it was their determination to kill us. We then returned to Gull Cove, and in the evening of the same day got under weigh, in the yawl, with all the crew, and proceeded to Two Island harbour. About daylight next morning observed them get under weigh; we closed them and fired to bring them to. I then saw them closing together, and three of them lashed alongside each other; we ordered them to separate, which they seemed not willing to do. Mr. Jones threatened to fire into them; we had our muskets (two in number) pointed to the vessel; after being threatened several times, two of them, the Reindeer and Ruby, Mr. Jones asked them what brought them there; their answer was, they came for wood and water; Mr. Jones then said, when you had got it, what was their reason for not going away; their reply was, the breeze was so light they could not get out; the crews of their vessels with the exception of the masters, by their own request, went on board the two other schooners not detained, and were allowed to take what quantity of provisions they thought proper. I then went below with Thomas Richardson, to search for arms, by the direction of Mr. Jones; found a musket loaded in the cabin. Mr. Jones asked the master what became of their arms; he said, they were below; we then went again below for the same purpose. Mr. Jones again asked the master of the Reindeer, what became of the arms; his answer was, that they must have been hove overboard; he said we had got them yesterday killing ducks. Shortly after we got the Reindeer and Ruby under weigh, and proceeded for St. Andrews; in the afternoon of the same day, when abreast of Campo Bello, saw a schooner coming down and run close alongside the Ruby, hoisted American colours; observed another standing towards us in the Rein-