

When running from Grand Passage to the Grand Menan, observed a schooner about two miles from the land, fishing. We boarded her, which proved to be the Pilgrim, American fishing schooner. I saw live fish on her deck. Mr. Protheroe detained her, and put two hands on board to take charge of her. We then made sail and boarded another schooner, the Hero. Mr. Protheroe detained her also.

Ques. Do you know what Mr. Protheroe detained her for?

Ans. No, I do not. I did not hear any questions put, as I was getting my clothes to go on board the Hero. We then made sail, in company with the tender and Pilgrim, and proceeded to Mason's Bay, at which place the Pilgrim effected her escape during the night. We afterwards went to St. John's, with the tender and Hero in company, at which place the Hero was delivered over to the custom-house.

We, the undersigned, have examined the aforesaid persons, belonging to H. M. sloop Dotterel, taking the minutes of their depositions respecting the detention of the American fishing schooners, "Hero and Pilgrim;" and we declare that their evidence has been taken in a very impartial manner, and the persons aforesaid have not been biased in any way whatever.

JOHN COOKE, *Sen. Lieut. H. M. sloop Dotterel.*

JAMES AZZARD, *Purser.*

RICHARD MOORE, *Commander.*

*Evidence of Mr. Touzeau, Midshipman, and the crew of the yawl boat belonging to H. M. sloop Dotterel, relative to the detention of the American fishing schooners "Reindeer and Ruby"*

*Mr. Touzeau examined.*

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

Ans. Yes.

Relate all the particulars relative to their detention.

I recollect while in Gull-Cove of having received information on a Sunday, from some men, and a Mr. Franklin, that several American fishing vessels were at anchor in Whitehead harbour, and that they anchored there the evening before; that on their anchoring, one of them fired three muskets, and said they were armed and manned, and would oppose our boarding them. I acquainted Mr. Jones of the information I had received, who went immediately in the small boat to cruise, and returned in the evening. He told me that he had boarded an English fishing schooner (Industry) near Whitehead, who gave him information that several American schooners were at anchor at Two Island harbour; and that they got their wood and water at Whitehead; they fired several muskets on their anchoring, and told the crew of the Industry, they would not allow a man of war's boat to board them; and after they completed their wood and