

Q. Then you have paid for more land than you had in possession?

A. Yes.

Q. For how much more?

A. About forty-eight acres more.

Q. Have you your lease here?

A. The two leases are in Mr. Binns's office.

Q. Have you a plan of your farm here?

A. No.

Q. Have you the certificate of survey?

A. No; it was attached to the Bill I filed in Chancery.

Q. Who surveyed your farm?

A. Henry Lodge surveyed mine and John Aitken's, when we could not get the proprietor's Widow or Heirs so to do.

Q. Did you refuse to pay for what land the farm actually contained?

A. No.

Q. Did you refuse to pay for more than the farm actually admeasured?

A. I did.

Q. Did you endeavour to defend yourself at law, against paying for more land than the farm contained?

A. Yes.

Q. What procedure was had thereon?

A. Entered in the Supreme Court, as Replevin. They transferred the claim for rent to one Wiggins, who is married to a Townshend. Wiggins served two Ejectments on me—I was obliged to throw the whole matter into Chancery. What was there done I can't say, but my lawyer can.

Q. Have you a boat?

A. Yes.

Q. For what purpose?

A. For traversing, by water, to other parts of the Island, and for fishing.

Q. State to the Committee whether the tide water touches your farm, and to what extent?

A. The tide water rises at both ends on a width of 15 chains at each end.

Q. Did you ever launch a vessel from the water boundary of your farm?

A. No, I did not; but Mr. James Aitken did, about 50 tons—they could be launched of 150 tons.

Q. Does the measurement of your farm take in all the land to high water mark?

A. Yes it does.

Q. Then these 102 acres include the Fishery Reserves?

A. Yes, what I would consider must be Fishery Reserves.

Q. State to the Committee the particulars of your transaction with the Townshends from first to last?

[Here the witness went, at considerable length, into the detail thereof, and concluded, by stating that the same would be found in the Bill he had filed in Chancery.]

Q. For what amount were your cattle taken?

A. The Writ was for £19.

Q. Did you surrender the cattle for sale?

A. I did.

Q. Were they sold?

A. They were, but would fetch only very low prices?

Q. What was then done?

A. The Sheriff refused to knock them down—although the bidders claimed right to have them. He put them back into my stable, and asked me to keep them for him. I told him I would keep them for my own use and not for his—that he must take care of them if he wished to have them.

Q. Did he read the articles of sale, and what were they?

A. I don't know if there were articles in writing, but the terms were cash on delivery, and to be knocked down to the highest bidder.

Q. Have you seen, or has the Sheriff, Mr. McCallum, been on your premises since the day of sale?

A. Yes; he was there this day fortnight.

Q. What did he do?

A. I was not present, but my son, who is here, can tell what occurred then.

Q. Have you seen him since?

A. Yes, yesterday morning—at my own house.

Q. Please state what occurred then?

A. He came there in the morning, and about eight or nine persons with him. When first I saw them, they were at my barn, and the Sheriff took a stake and broke the lock of the stable, (which is the second lock he broke in my barn) and took out the mare. I went then up to the barn, and took a stake in my hand, when a number of pistols were presented to me, and some of his men had three pistols with them. They then came down to my house and searched it, and took a young man named John Coffin prisoner.

Q. Did you see Mr. Coffin do anything amiss toward the Sheriff or any of his party, at this or any other occasion.

A. No.

Q. When this young man was taken, did he ask what was his offence, or what authority they had for taking him?

A. He did; but they would give him no satisfaction, and carried him off.

Q. Where did they take him to?

A. To Dr. Jardine's, where he had to give bail to appear at Georgetown Court.

Q. Did you see the Sheriff since?

A. Yes; I have seen him at the store of Mr. Sutherland, at the head of St. Peter's Bay, where he came into the house, accompanied by a person named Cutler, and took hold of me by the collar, and asked me why did I insult some of his men. I told him I did no such thing. I then took hold of him, and he tried to throw me, but after several struggles I told him that although I was an old man I was more of a man than to let him misuse me;