

Being all the Captains of the rank of Post at this place.—On the Court assembling, at half past ten o'Clock—the prisoner being brought forward, the evidence called over, and audience admitted, read the Order addressed to the President from the Honorable GEORGE CRANFIELD BERKELEY, Vice-Admiral of the White, and Commander in Chief at Halifax, Nova-Scotia, &c. dated the 25th of August, and the President's Order to the Judge Advocate to officiate as such, when the Members, and Judge Advocate, were severally sworn, agreeable to Act of Parliament; and the following letter, containing the charges against the prisoner, read:

*His Majesty's Sloop Halifax,
Halifax Harbor, 15th August, 1807.*

SIR,

I beg leave to represent to you, that the five men named in the margin,* belonging to His Majesty's Sloop Halifax, under my command, when sent with a petty officer in the jolly-boat, in Hampton Roads, on the 7th of March last, to weigh a kedge anchor, which had been previously dropped for the purpose of swinging the ship by, taking the advantage of the dusk of the evening, mutinied upon the petty officer, some of them threatening to murder him, but, the rest interfering, they desisted; however, taking the boat under their own command, they succeeded, in deserting, by landing at Sewel's Point.

The whole of the above-mentioned Deserters, I have since been informed, entered on board the United States frigate Chesapeake, and were seen by me, and several

* Richd. Hubert, Hen. Saunders, Jenkin Ratford, Geo. North, Wm. Hill.