

own stock. I was the person who attended Mr. Protheroe, and gave the spirits to them myself, by his direction.

*John Wake, mariner, examined.*

Ques. Were you in the Dotterel's tender when Mr. Protheroe detained the American schooners Hero and Pilgrim?

Ans. Yes, I was.

Relate all the particulars respecting their detention.

In running from Grand Passage to the Grand Menan, observed two schooners lying at anchor; one of which got under weigh and stood in shore, which vessel was chased; observed her fishing and hauling live fish in; boarded her, which proved to be the American schooner Pilgrim. She had, at the time, live fish on her deck. Mr. Protheroe detained her, and put on board two hands to take charge of her, she then being about two miles from the shore, to the best of my judgment. We then chased another schooner which had made sail from in shore; boarded her; then about a mile and a half from the land; proved to be the Hero, American fishing schooner. Mr. Protheroe asked them what they were doing in shore; a man by the name of Wilson said, they had been on shore cleaning their fish. Mr. Protheroe detained her, and put two hands on board in charge of her. We then proceeded with the schooner to Mason's Bay, anchoring each night, when the Pilgrim made her escape in the night. We then proceeded to St. John's in the tender, with the Hero in company, at which place she was delivered over to the custom-house.

Ques. Did you, at any time, hear Mr. Protheroe make use of any abusive language to the Americans on board the tender?

Ans. No, I did not.

Ques. Did Mr. Protheroe compel the Americans in the tender to work?

Ans. No, he did not; they helped to work the tender by their own accord.

Ques. Did you know Mr. Protheroe ill-use or maltreat the Americans on board the tender?

Ans. No.

Ques. Did you know him put the Americans on one meal a day, or fare worse than the tender's crew?

Ans. No, they ate and drank with us. We had the established allowance of the British navy, except spirits, part of the time, which had been used during the bad weather. I recollect once, Mr. Protheroe giving them a part from his own private stock.

*John Cole, seaman, examined.*

Ques. Were you in the Dotterel's tender with Mr. Protheroe, when he detained the American schooners Hero and Pilgrim?

Ans. Yes.

Relate all the particulars you know respecting their detention.