

Q. Did you take a person (named John Coffin) prisoner yesterday morning?

A. The Constables took him.

Q. What did they take him for?

A. Under a Warrant.

Q. What was his offence?

A. For resisting legal process the day of sale.

Q. On whose affidavit was the Warrant issued?

A. On the same affidavit on which Warrant was issued against William Douglas.

Q. Did you, yesterday afternoon, see anything of James Douglas at Mr. Sutherland's, at the head of St. Peter's Bay?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. State what transpired there?

A. A person came and informed me that there was a person at Mr. Sutherland's who was threatening one of the men who was with me at Mr. Douglas's place, and that he was going to injure him.

Q. When you came there, what passed?

A. I spoke to him (James Douglas), and told him that he was prisoner this morning, and if he did not desist from insulting a person who was with me in the execution of my duty, I would certainly take him and put him to jail for his misconduct this morning—but he challenged me to fight.

Q. Did you lay hold of him?

A. Yes, I did lay hold of him, and said if he did not let this person alone, I would commit him to jail.

Q. Did he seem to make an apology when you laid hold of him?

A. No.

Q. Did you call him a scoundrel?

A. I might, but don't recollect.

Q. Did you hear him appeal to Mr. Sutherland about what had transpired before you came in?

A. Yes.

Q. What did Sutherland say?

A. I do not recollect. I was told that what passed was outside, which Sutherland could not have any knowledge of.

Q. When you took James Douglas, was he your prisoner still at Mr. Sutherland's?

A. No?

Q. Had Mr. Douglas to give security when you liberated him?

A. No.

Q. Had you a Warrant to take James Douglas?

A. No; I did not require one; I took him for an assault and breach of the peace against myself in the execution of my duty.

Q. Since the day you met Alexander Douglas between Souris and East Point, driving a mare—on which you say you had levied—have you taken or got hold of such mare?

A. Yes, I got possession of said mare within two or three days thereafter.

Q. Have you sold her since?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you sell the mare at public or private sale?

A. At public sale.

Q. What day and what place?

A. I don't recollect what day, but it was at Carey's I sold the mare.

Q. What induced you to bring the mare to Carey's, at St. Andrew's, instead of selling her at Bay Fortune, or nigh your own place, at the head of St. Peter's Bay, or at the Constable's?

A. I had good reasons of my own, which I don't choose to disclose to the Committee.

Q. Was the mare advertised at Carey's, previous to the sale?

[Refused to answer.]

Q. Did you or the Constable sell the mare?

A. I sold her myself.

Q. Were there many people at the sale?

A. Yes, there were a good many people—Douglas's own family—the greater part were Douglas's connections. I understood the person who bought her was from George Douglas.

Q. Did you advertise the mare for sale at Georgetown?

A. I did not advertise her.

Q. Did you cause any advertisement to be put there; or was there any advertisement put up there by any one acting under your authority?

A. There might have been.

Q. Did you hear that there had been?

A. I don't recollect; I looked upon it as a subject of no importance to me.

JAMES DOUGLAS called in and examined.

Q. Where do you reside?

A. At Bay of Fortune.

Q. On what Township?

A. Lot 43.

Q. Who claims said Township?

A. At present Mr. Wiggins—formerly the Townshends—that is, Widow Townshend.

Q. How long have your family resided there?

A. I have been on the farm 31 years.

Q. Was it cleared when you entered?

A. No; a former settler had cut down a little, for which I paid £16.

Q. Was the land cultivated when you entered on it?

A. No, it was not—as I said before.

Q. How many years' rent have you paid?

A. I think I have paid 24 years' rent.

Q. How much a year?

A. £7 10s. currency.

Q. How much per acre was demanded?

A. One shilling, currency.

Q. How much land is there on the farm?

A. One hundred and two acres.