

Q. What of the Carding Machine, its entry and duty, in the spring of 1816? A. I did come with this machine at the time mentioned, and I saw it entered in the Custom-house with Major Allan, who was there himself at the time. I brought the Machine in for Leonard Wilcox—I received it from his brother Charles Wilcox, (who is a machine-maker,) for Leonard, and worked it for Leonard, being six months in his employment.

Mr. JAMES NATION—Called.

Q. Are you a Clerk in the Inspector-General's Office? A. Yes.

Q. Is there any entry in the books of the Receiver-General's Office of a seizure, condemnation, sale, or return of a boat and cargo belonging to Leonard Wilcox, in the year 1815, in the harbour of York? A. From June downwards there does not appear any port entry, that I can trace.

Q. Is there any entry of a Carding Machine, as entered by Leonard Wilcox or Benjamin Hoshel in the year 1816, at York? A. There are entries of two Carding Machines,—one of Edward Thompson, the other does not state the name of the importer, as far as I can find. It appears that the duty of 30 per cent. was paid on both those machines—it was my impression both machines were imported by Edward Thompson.

I can prove at any time that Edward Thompson imported two machines that season, on which he paid the duties.

The Honorable Wm. Allan very plainly tells the Committee of the House of Assembly that Hamilton was his Deputy:—Cannot say how long the boat was kept before trial:—Has not the smallest recollection of the amount the boat and goods sold for:—Cannot say that a return of the seizure was made to the Inspector, or a copy sent to the Attorney or Solicitor General, but bluntly presumes that such was the case:—Admits the possibility of his having received the amount of the sale of Boat and Goods:—Does not know what became of the 'Tackle of the Boat.

I have also frequently made inquiry to find out whether Mr. Allan had accounted to Government for the \$75 paid duty on the Carding Machine, but have every reason to believe that he has not—(See Mr. James Nation's evidence before the Committee.)

From all the circumstances herein stated, the public will have an opportunity of judging the fitness of such persons as the Honorable Wm. Allan and his comrade to fill the different important situations they have for such a length of time held, and still hold, in the Province,—acting as Prosecutor, and Judge, and Jury in many instances as well as mine. In the case of the Innkeeping Prosecution, at that time I was bound over with two sureties to appear at the next Quarter-Sessions to be held in the District, to give evidence against Whitfield Patterson, who was never called upon to answer for the misdemeanour mentioned, although I was put to the trouble and expense of attending during the sitting of said Sessions. All these persecutions and hard usage I must allude to the vindictive conduct of the said Collector of Customs and his Colleagues, which I always considered contrary to the intention of His Majesty's Proclamation inviting Settlers to come into the Province, and contrary to humanity and common justice.