

of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three on the high seas about twenty miles north north east of Cape Cod in the United States of America, with force and arms, maliciously, wilfully, feloniously, and piratically made an assault upon the said Isaac Willett and others, the mariners then on board and in charge and command of the steamboat or vessel named the Chesapeake, the said vessel being a vessel belonging to the United States of America and registered in the United States, according to the laws of such States and belonging to one Henry B. Cromwell, a citizen of the United States of America, and being of the value of sixty thousand dollars of lawful money of New Brunswick, and having on board a cargo of the value of eighty thousand dollars of like lawful money, and the said vessel being then on a voyage from the port of New York in the United States of America, to the port of Portland in the said United States of America, and having then and there piratically, feloniously, wilfully, and maliciously put the said Isaac Willett and others, the crew of the said vessel, in fear and danger of their lives on the high seas aforesaid, and having then and there maliciously, wilfully, feloniously, and piratically taken possession of the said vessel and the cargo thereof, and with having then and there feloniously stolen and taken the said vessel and cargo upon the high seas aforesaid, there to remain until delivered pursuant to the requisition as aforesaid. And you the said keeper shall receive and safely keep each of them upon the said charge until delivered pursuant to such requisition as aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal at the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, this twenty-fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

(Signed) H. T. GILBERT, *a Justice of the Peace [L. S.]
for the City and County of St. John
and Police Magistrate for said City.*

And this is the cause of the detaining the said David Collins, James McKinney, and Linus Seely, whose bodies I have ready.

26th February, 1864.

JAMES A. HARDING, *Sheriff of the City
and County of Saint John*