

not say that he had put the key under his head during the night. There was the first intimation deponent had that Mr. Kittson left the key out of his possession. The office is seldom opened until eight or half past, unless deponent goes to call Mr. Kittson earlier. On the morning the key was found in Mr. Kittson's bed deponent thinks he Mr. Kittson had not been to breakfast. Mr. Saunders took his meals at Strong's tavern. They breakfast there at eight. There was a new key to the door of the office, ordered by Mr. Bethune to be made by one Tompkins for deponent's use. This order was given on the morning preceeding the discovery of the robbery. Deponent saw this key in the course of being made the same afternoon, the wards were not then put in. Deponent took away the old key and returned to the office and locked it; Mr. Ham was there waiting for him just going to his tea. The new key was not finished till towards the afternoon of the next day; deponent subsequently had said on being pressed as to the robbery that he doubted whether any money had been taken, but he was well convinced that such was the fact, and said so from conviction at the moment the remarks were made.

Sworn at Cobourg, in the Newcastle District, this 29th June 1833, before me,
R. HENRY, J. P.

E. RUBIDGE.

The Deposition of **GEORGE SAUNDERS**, of the Town of Cobourg, in the District of Newcastle, Gentleman.

Deponent is in the employ of Mr. Bethune as Book-keeper to the Bank Agency. Deponent remembers a packet addressed to Mr. Macaulay at Kingston, and marked money, lying on the post office table, ready to be mailed, on the 15th May; observed it as much as half an hour. Saw Mr. Kittson hand it to Mr. Rubidge, saying he wished it forwarded by that day's mail. Saw the canvass bag after it was tied up, and from the bulk of it, he would suppose that this packet was put in. This was before the stage had arrived. Soon after the stage had left Cobourg he heard Mr. Kittson enquire whether his packet had been sent; Mr. Rubidge answered it had. Deponent thinks the enquiry was made about three o'clock, p. m.; the stage had then gone half an hour. Deponent was at one time employed in the post office; was sworn at

the suggestion of Mr. Kittson, who preceeded him in charge of the post office. On the first morning after Mr. Rubidge came to the office deponent told him it was necessary he should be sworn, and gave him a copy of the oath which deponent had taken, desiring him to make a copy of it for himself, which was done, and was seen by deponent in his (Mr. Rubidge) handwriting. Deponent desired him to go to Mr. Henry's and be sworn to it. He went out of the office with the copy of the oath in his hand and was absent some time. Deponent explained to Mr. Rubidge that he had been sworn before he was allowed to take charge of the office, and that he (Rubidge) should also do so. Deponent was in the office when Mr. Rubidge returned, but nothing was said on the subject of the oath. A few days after Mr. Bethune enquired of Mr. Kittson if Mr. Rubidge had been sworn; Mr. Kittson said yes. Deponent was under the impression that he had taken the oath, and Mr. Rubidge gave no intimation that he had not. He must have heard the conversation. Mr. Rubidge continued in charge of the post office from that time.

On the 19th June deponent left the office about eight o'clock in the evening; both Mr. Kittson and Mr. Rubidge were there. Deponent went to the circus. Deponent, in company with Mr. Wm. Boswell, and Mr. Walter Favell and another came out of the circus for a short time, and then returned and there remained till it was over; this was about eleven o'clock. Deponent, in about an hour and a quarter, which he passed in company with Mr. Wm. Boswell, went to the office. The night was dark, finding no light, and the key being in the lock, inside of the door, deponent concluded Mr. Kittson was gone to bed, and returned to Strong's tavern, where he slept. About half-past seven on the following morning deponent went to the office, found Mr. Kittson not up. He got up and let deponent in. He remained until about eight and then went to breakfast, leaving Mr. Kittson there alone. Mr. Rubidge had not then arrived. Remained half an hour away and returned and found Mr. Kittson still there and alone. A man named John Tompkins came in enquiring about some lands belonging to the Canada Company. While he was there Mr. Kittson went away to breakfast. He