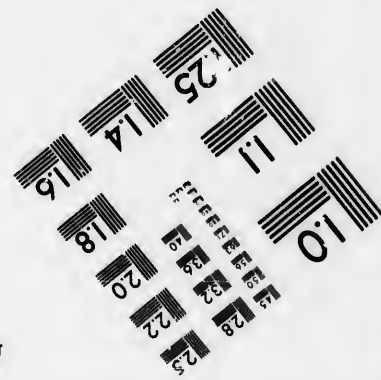
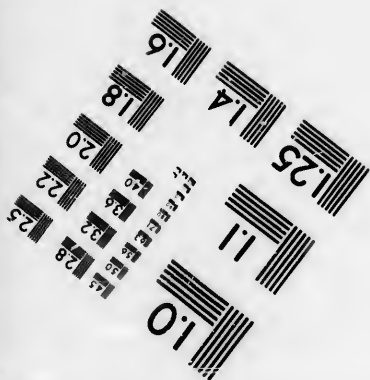
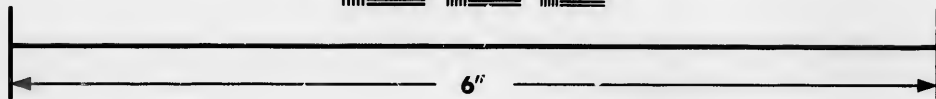
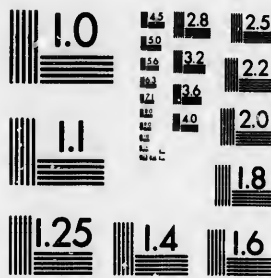


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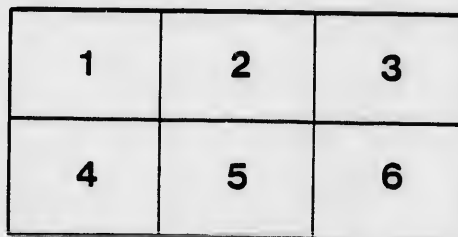
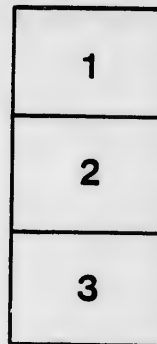
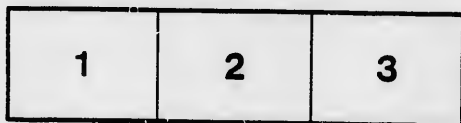
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EXCHANGE COFFEE-HOUSE,
Quebec, June 17th, 1820.

CONFORMABLE to the purport of an Advertisement in the public papers, namely, the Quebec Gazette, and Mercury of the 14th instant; in order to take into consideration, and adopt measures of remedy against the inconveniences and prejudicial consequences resulting to Maritime Commerce in general, from the facilities afforded to the *desertion of Seamen* by several unprincipled characters in Quebec, denominated *Crimps*, who actually make a traffic of, and for that purpose systematically arrange and lay out every device and encouragement to that class of men; whereby Masters of Vessels are frequently deprived of the principal part of their crews, and occasionally subjected to the greatest difficulties and inconveniences, as well as loss to the Freighters, Owners, or others interested, and to the almost inconceivable detriment and disadvantage of the Shipping Interest generally: In order, as much as lies in our power, to obviate and prevent this illicit and unwarrantable practice, We, the undersigned, being respectively Masters and Owners of Vessels trading to this Port, have unanimously come to the following resolutions:

In the first place, To request the concurrence of the BOARD OF TRADE at Quebec, to what is hereinafter respectfully submitted, which, on deliberation; we conceive would be in a high degree preventive of the mischiefs hereih before alluded to: subject, however, to such alterations and amendments as may appear most consistent with the object of our present meeting.

With respect to the preceding detail; the following propositions are agreed upon, as most likely to be conducively effective to the matter under consideration.

Firstly, That an Agency should be appointed in Quebec, and the Office denominated *The Seaman's Register Office*, where all Masters of vessels, on their arrival, would feel it their interest to give in a List of the Seamen on board, with their description; so that, in event of any of their men leaving the vessel, they may be laid hold of with more facility.

Secondly, That on any Seaman's running away from a vessel, the Master shall immediately give notice thereof to the Registrar, who in such case will give the necessary directions for having the delinquent apprehended.

Thirdly, That no Master of a vessel be allowed to hire a new hand, except through the medium of that Office, under a penalty of One Hundred Pounds, giving, nevertheless, a discretionary power of mitigation between that and Twenty-five Pounds.

Fourthly, That any Seaman requesting a discharge; and obtaining it from the Master, such discharge shall be signed by the Master, (according to a prescribed form, of which printed copies will be kept in the Office,) and shall also be signed by the Registrar.

Fifthly, That the following parts of the Act of the 47th Geo. III. chap. 9, with regard to the subject in agitation, would still be absolutely necessary for the Shipping interest, and in fact, for the Trade of the country; namely, that the penalty for harbouring, and that for persons encouraging Seamen to desert, or concealing them, should be inflicted, and the offenders proceeded against in the manner mentioned in Section 4th; that Tavern keepers, and others keeping boarding and lodging houses, should give in at this Office a List of their Lodgers, particularly of Seafaring people, and in case of default, or of any Seaman being found clandestinely put out of the way or secreted, such Tavern keeper, or person keeping such boarding or lodging house, to be subject to a penalty of _____ and such Seaman imprisoned in the Common Gaol 'till his Master get notice of him, and take him on board.

Sixthly, That a certain sum be imposed on each Vessel entering the Port of Quebec, to be collected at the Navy Office, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to the business in question, namely, at the rate of _____ Shillings per Hundred Tons.

Seventhly That application be made to empower the Registrar to have authority to apprehend all Seamen found on shiere, unless they can satisfactorily account for their absence from their respective vessels.

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Eighthly, That the expenses of any Action, brought by a Seaman against the Master, and falling upon the latter, shall with the consent of a Meeting of the Committee for the time being, be paid out of a Fund, to be raised for the general purposes of the proposed Institution.

Ninthly, That the following persons shall constitute a COMMITTEE for framing such Rules; and taking into consideration such matters as may be proposed; relative to the business at present imperiously calling our attention, viz :

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| R. R. STOREY, | Bellona, | PRESIDENT. |
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| GEORGE WATSON, | Ajax, | |
| JAMES HARLE, | Harmony, | |
| W. DAILS, | Samuel Whitbread, | |
| JOSEPH BOYES; | Regent, | |
| J. C. ARMSTRONG. | Grape, | |
| ROBERT BROWN, | Resolution, | |
| JOSEPH BUSBY, | Gorge Symes, | |
| ROBERT MAXWELL, | Governor Woodford, | |
| ROBERT KENDALL, | Shannon, | |
| HENRY CHATER, | Blessing, | |
| ROBERT PEART, | Broderick, | |

And that ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL is authorized to call a meeting of the said Committee as circumstances may require.

Tenthly, That for the purpose of upholding a regular Committee, it shall be the duty of each party in office, on leaving the Port, to substitute some other in his place, who, if in any manner objectionable, shall be ballotted for and pass according to the decision of a majority of the Members present.

Eleventhly, That a second meeting will be held on Saturday next, the 24th noon, at the Exchange Coffee Rooms on special business, relative to the Shipping.

That the nature of our profession not allowing our attendance personally to any Legislative Provision which may be hereafter made in this behalf, we hereby appoint ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, Notary Public, our Agent; and give him full authority to take such measures as he may consider necessary, by petition to the Legislature, or otherwise, for the rescission of such parts of the Provincial Laws respecting Seamen as may appear ineffective, and therein to make such suggestions by Bill or otherwise at the next ensuing Parliament as he or others interested in shipping may devise or consider applicable for the prevention of the growing evil of desertion and its concomitant injurious effects.

That we request the said ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL to communicate these resolutions to the Board of Trade for their concurrence, revision or amendment, under a conviction that from a sense of reciprocal interests, these Resolutions may be considered worthy of attention, and the most effective remedial means adopted, with regard to the abolition of a practice so pre-eminently exigent, which we are convinced could not fail to be productive of the most beneficial results.

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| Signed, | R. R. STOREY, | Bellona, | President. |
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