

Capt. CALDWELL confirmed the account of the 1st and 2d guns, and broadside, as given by the other witnesses.
JACOB MULL, *Sailing-Master.*

Was on quarter-deck. Commodore R. hailed, and got no answer but "halloo." After sufficient time hailed again, and got no reply, but a shot, without provocation. In 3 or 4 seconds returned the shot, and got a general fire from the Little Belt. Thought the Belt a heavy frigate, until next day. Action continued 14 or 15 minutes, including 3 or 4 minutes interval. Little Belt could have fired again, but President could have sunk her. Commodore's official account is true.

Lieut. CREIGHTON thought the Little Belt a frigate (excepting her feeble defence) until next day. Capt. Bingham told him the President's colors were not hoisted, but recollected the pendant. It is the usage, as before stated by another witness, for the President to be prepared for action on coming alongside of an armed vessel. Thought the Little Belt displayed bad management or want of conduct in her defence.

JOSEPH SMITH, *Midshipman, acting as Master's mate,* Commanded 4th division of guns. Heard Com. R. hail, and no reply for 5 seconds. Heard 2d hail, and was looking at the Little Belt when the first gun was fired by her, before a shot or any provocation was given from the President. Then Com. R. fired one gun, then the Belt 3, and action continued. Thought the Belt a frigate. The duration of the action, and orders to cease, as before stated. The last order to stop firing was received by 3 different officers. Com. Rodgers's statement confirmed.

HENRY DENNISON, *Acting Chaplain.*

Was on quarter deck. Little Belt was 70 or 80 yards distant. Heard Com. R. hail, and the reply* and the second hail—then a gun, he thinks from the Belt, as he felt no jar in the President—and no gun or provocation had been given by Com. R. Account of Com. R. confirmed.

MICHAEL ROBERTS, *Boatswain.*

Was on the fore-castle. Saw the flash and heard the gun from the Little Belt, before any shot or provocation had been given from the President. Had not seen the Commodore's account.

RICHARD CARSON, *Midshipman.*

Was on fore-castle and gangways. Com. R. hailed, and was answered by repeating his words; second hail was answered by a shot. Was looking at the Belt, and saw and heard the gun, before any provocation from Commodore R. Gun from the President was followed by the Belt's broadside, as stated by others. Commodore's account confirmed.

MATTHEW C. PERRY, *Midshipman.*

Was on quarter deck. Heard hail, reply, second hail, and gun from Belt, before any gun or provocation from President. Then gun from President, followed by general fire from Little Belt. Statement of Com. R. confirmed.

SILAS DUNCAN, *Midshipman.*

Was in the fore-top. Heard Com. R. hail, reply, and 2d hail; then 2 guns in quick succession, and believes first from the Belt, but could not swear, as he was behind the fore-top-sail. Confirms the account of Commodore Rodgers.

JOHN M. CLACK, *Midshipman.*

Was in the mizen-top. Heard 1st hail, no reply, and 2d hail, as stated. Thought the Belt fired first, as he felt no jar the first shot, but did the 2d. Confirms Com. Rodgers's report.

THOMAS GAMBLE, *Second Lieutenant.*

Commanded first division of guns. Com. R. hailed, "ship, ahoy!" Was answered "halloo." Asked "What ship is that?" Received his own words repeated in reply. Hailed again, "What ship is that?" Then a gun from the Belt. Heard no gun or provocation from President—swears no gun was fired from his division. Nothing but round and grape fired after action commenced. Commodore's orders as before stated. When firing ceased finally Belt was in a favorable position for firing, but another broadside from President would probably have sunk her. Saw no colors on the Belt, and took her for a frigate of 36 or 38 guns. No fire on board or sheering off by the President. Statement of Com. R. confirmed.

ALEX. JAMES DALLAS, *3d Lieutenant.*

Commanded 2d division of guns. Heard first hail, and second, and question repeated back from Little Belt; then 3d hail and gun. Was looking at the Belt when she fired, when no gun or provocation had been given from the President. Was in the bridgeport when the Belt fired, and after the shot was received got into the port and fired a gun in return, from general orders, without particular direction. A broadside from the Belt immediately succeeded. None but round and grape used in his division; and no fire or sheering off. A broadside more would probably have sunk the Belt. Com. R. was very anxious to stop the firing. The Commodore's statement confirmed.

JOHN M. FUNK, *4th Lieutenant.*

Commanded 3d division gun-deck. Heard hail, reply, 2d hail, and gun from Belt, as before. Heard no gun or provocation from President, and certainly was none from his division. Gun from Belt returned from President, in 5 or 6 seconds, and broadside from Belt ensued. Orders of Com. R. as before. Round and grape only fired. No fire or sheering off. Another broadside would have sunk the Belt. Com. R. exerted himself to stop the firing. Com. R.'s official account confirmed.

PETER GAMBLE, *Midshipman.*

Was on gun-deck, at 2d division. Heard first shot

* Some landmen, (like the reporter) might mistake the manner of hailing, which was thus:

Pres. The ship, ahoy! Belt. Halloo.
Pres. What ship is that? Belt. What ship is that?
Pres. What ship is that? Belt. Answers by a gun.

from Little Belt, and felt no jar on board the President. No gun or provocation from Com. R. Confirms the official account.

EDWARD BABBET, *Midshipman.*

Was on gun-deck, at 3d division. Was looking at the Belt, and saw and heard the first gun from her. No gun or provocation had been given by the President. Com. R.'s account confirmed.

Lieut. CREIGHTON testified that lights were hoisted on board the President the night after the action.

Mr. MULL testified that the damage on board the President was, one boy wounded, a shot in the mainmast, and another in the foremast, with some of the backstays cut away; but not a single shot of any kind from the Little Belt struck the hull of the President.

EDWARD R. SHUBRICK, *Midshipman.*

Was forward on gun-deck, at first division. Was looking at the Belt, and saw and heard the first fire from her, before any gun or provocation from the President, and confirms the Commodore's account.

PHILIP D. SPENCER, *Midshipman.*

Was on gun-deck, at 3d division. Was confident the first shot came from the Little Belt. No gun had been fired from his division, or provocations had been given by Com. R. Heard no hail from the Belt. Confirms the Commodore's statement.

BREASTED BARNES, *Carpenter.*

Was on gun-deck, to attend pumps, and looking at the Belt, when she fired the first shot, before gun or provocation from Com. Rodgers. The President did not receive a shot of any sort in her hull, but one in her mainmast and another in her foremast.

John Neese, capt. of the 1st gun, in the first division on gun-deck. Was looking at the Little Belt, and saw and heard her first fire.—*Eliphalet Carr*, capt. gun, No. 2, gun-deck. Testifies exactly the same as Neese.—*John Jones*, (capt. absent) was at gun No. 3, and testifies the same.—*James Beach*, capt. No. 4, testifies the same.—*Trophemus Davis*, capt. No. 5, testifies the same.—*John Layfield*, capt. No. 6, testifies the same.—*Benjamin Brown*, (1st and 2d capt. absent) was at No. 7, and testifies the same.—*Edward Fitzgerald*, capt. No. 8, testifies the same.—*James Cornwall*, capt. No. 9, says the Little Belt fired first, to the best of his knowledge.—*John Fitch*, capt. No. 10, was looking at the Belt, and saw and heard the first gun come from her.—*Richard Thompson*, (capt. absent) was at No. 11, and saw the Belt fire first.—*John Mason*, capt. No. 12, testifies the same.—*James Thompson*, capt. No. 13, declares the same.—*David Lawson*, capt. No. 14, testifies the same.—*James Lee*, capt. No. 15, declares the same.—*Edward Walker*, capt. 1st gun, 4th division, fore-castle; from hearing the report and feeling no jar, believed the first shot came from the Belt.—*Moses Dunbar*, 2d capt. (1st absent) 2d gun, 4th division, was looking at the Little Belt, and saw her fire first.—*George Simmons*, 2d capt. (1st abs.) 3d gun, 4th division, declares precisely the same.—*John McCormick*, 2d capt. (1st abs.) 4th gun, 4th division, declares the same.—*Wm. Campbell*, capt. 1st gun, 4th division, quarter-deck, declares the same.—*Thomas Taylor*, capt. 2d gun, quarter-deck, saw Little Belt fire 6 seconds first.—*Philip Warner*, capt. 3d gun, quarter-deck, was looking at Belt, and saw her fire first.—*Samuel Brown*, 2d capt. (1st abs.) 4th gun, 4th division, quarter-deck, declares the same.—*Richard Cockle*, 2d capt. (1st abs.) 5th gun, quarter-deck, saw Little Belt fire 3 or 4 seconds first.—*Edward Patterson*, capt. 6th gun, quarter-deck, declares the same.—*John Anderson*, capt. 7th gun, quarter-deck, declares the same.—*James Welch*, capt. 8th gun, quarter-deck, declares the same.

Lieut. CREIGHTON testified further, that when the Belt was silenced the 2d time, she luffed up towards the Commodore, instead of keeping away, as she should have done to fire on the President, and would have done if her rudder had been free. Commodore Rodgers expressed much humanity and anxiety to stop the firing.

Mr. MULL testified that the Commodore displayed great humanity.

Lieut. DALLAS heard 2 reports, one the shot against the President's mast, and the other the report of the gun from the Little Belt.

SILAS H. STRINGHAM, *midshipman*, saw the Little Belt fire first.

JAMES H. LUDLOW, *midshipman*, saw the same.

DAVID GELSTON INGRAHAM, *midshipman*, saw the same.

Lieut. CREIGHTON, testified to the offers of assistance from Commodore Rodgers to the Little Belt the next morning.

Here the examination closed, having, as we understand, embraced every deck officer, as well as Captains of guns, now on board the President, who were present during the action. The hours when the chase and action took place, with the courses steered, and some technical sea-terms, are omitted as unessential to the material objects of the inquiry.

From the *Carolina Federal Republican.*

The following information comes so directly to us as to leave no doubt of its correctness. It contains proof positive that the decrees of Berlin and Milan were repealed on the 2d Nov. last, as our President has proclaimed! He who reads this account and the many others of similar import which crowd our papers, and does not admit the French decrees are repealed and that Bonaparte "loves the Americans," is not an orthodox democrat—he must be an obstinate federalist, who will not believe contrary to the evidence to his own senses.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Beaufort, Carteret Country, to the Editor dated August 25.

"The schooner Little Charles, of Elizabeth-City, N. C. put in here in distress: On the 9th inst. off the dry Tortugas, she was plundered by a French pri-

vateer of 1367 dollars, all his Sugar, Coffee, Spirits, Water, and great part of the clothing of the crew—He was then dismissed with orders to proceed to Campeachy, and the privateersman swore if he fell in with him again, he would burn his vessel and murder his crew, as he had served others. He informed the Capt. of the Little Charles that he had shortly before cut away the masts of an American ship and a brig and stove their boats, and that he had orders to sink and destroy all American vessels he came athwart. That when he had made money enough he should retire into the United States."

SAINT JOHN, MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1811.

Arrived here from Halifax on the 1st inst. Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs for Special Revenue Inquiry, who proceeded immediately for Fredericton, the Seat of Government, and returned this morning.

On Monday last marched in this City from Fredericton, two companies of the 104th Regiment, under the command of Major DRUMMOND, to relieve the two companies under Capt. LEONARD, which marched for Fredericton on Wednesday morning. The orderly and soldierlike conduct of that detachment while doing duty in this garrison for upwards of twelve months, has done great credit to the discipline of its Regiment.

FROM HALIFAX, SEPTEMBER 25.

The brig Orion, Capt. Hoyt, of Poole, from St. Andrews, bound to Carbonear, Newfoundland with a load of lumber, unfortunately went ashore on the north-west end of the Island of Sable, early on the morning of the 2d inst.—The vessel and cargo lost—the crew were saved, and arrived here on Sunday in the brig's long-boat.—They speak in grateful terms of the benevolent treatment they received from the Superintendent, Mr. HUDSON, and other inhabitants of Sable Island.

MARRIED] At Fredericton, on Saturday the 21st ult. by the Rev. Mr. PIDGEON, Mr. STEPHEN WIGGINS, Merchant, of this City, to Miss ANN PETERS, daughter of Mr. Thomas Peters, of the former place.

EVENING SCHOOL.

ALEXANDER McLEOD respectfully informs the Public, that his EVENING SCHOOL will commence on the Evening of Monday next the 14th inst. Saint John, 7th October, 1811.

STEPHEN HUMBERT

HAS FOR SALE,

MOLASSES in Hogsheads, SUGAR in barrels; and a quantity of second hand RIGGING, comprising Cables, Hawasers, and Running Rigging of all descriptions. September 28.

THOMAS MILLIDGE, junr.

Has Just Received by the Ship FIVE SISTERS, DAVID CRONK, Master;

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF BRITISH MERCHANDIZE,

SUITABLE FOR THE SEASON, viz:

CASKS of Glass Ware consisting of quart and pint Decanters, Tumblers and Wine Glasses; casks of Earthen Ware, well assorted; Crown Glass 9 by 7, 10 by 8 and 12 by 10; white, black, yellow and venetian red Paints in qr. kegs; Lampblack in $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. papers; boil'd Linseed Oil in jugs; 4d, 6d, 8d, 10d, 12d, 20d and 24d fine drawn Nails; Brads and Scupper Nails; small single Canada Stoves; Sheet Iron for Pipes; Iron Pots; Pump Leather; Pump Chambers 5, 6 and 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; Loaf Sugar in small Loaves; striped, rose and point Blankets; white, red and yellow Flannel; Slops of every kind; blue Serges; blue Cloth from 7s. 6d. to 30s.; Lint Oznaburgs; Anchor Dowlas; Deep sea, Hambro, Log and Cod Lines; Sewing Twine; cast Iron Tea kettles; Steel screwed Scrapers; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 pint Britannia Teapots; breast and coat Buttons; Shovels and Spades; Copper Nails; sheet Copper; thin sheet Lead; bar Lead; roll Brimstone; scrubbing Brushes, Mops and Woollen Thrums; Tin Dutch Ovens; Horn and Tin Lanterns; Tinder Boxes; Binnacle Lamps; Sailor's quart and pint Pots; Pewter Plates, Basons and Dishes; best Wine Corks 10s. per groce; 10 and 11 inch Wood Compasses; 11 inch Brass and amplitude do.; single and double Ebony Quadrants; Casks of strong Ale in large bottles; do. of the same in pint bottles; baskets of Cheese; black Taffety; men's coarse and plated Hats; superfine lined Silk do.; best Silk Hats; ALSO, 4000 bushels of Liverpool SALT, and 100 tons of best COALS.

Saint John, 30th September, 1811.

SUGAR.

JUST Landing from on board the CHATHAM from LIVERPOOL, and for Sale by the SUBSCRIBER.

41 Hogsheads of MUSCOVADO SUGAR of an excellent quality, and will be sold low for CASH.

EZEKIEL BARLOW.

Saint John, 30th August, 1811.

BOARDING and LODGING.

THE SUBSCRIBER begs leave to inform his Friends and the Public, that he has opened a genteel Boarding and Lodging House in King's street, where every attention will be paid to those who may encourage his undertaking.

CHARLES McPIERSON.

St. JOHN, 6th JUNE, 1811.

Mates' Protections for sale at this Office.