

the directions contained in 53d Geo. 3d, chap. 25, sec. 4, of the laws of this island.

Your obedient servant,

WM. JAS. STEVENSON, Rec. Genl.

To the Editor of the London Gazette.

(Copy.)

*Examination of Patrick Smith, late Master of the Sloop Tom Paine, before Robert G. Kirkland and William Robertson, Esqrs. Justices of the Peace in and for the Parish of St. George.*

Jamaica Ss.

Patrick Smith, late Master of the sloop Tom Paine, having been duly sworn, made oath and said; that the sloop Tom Paine was owned by John Campbell, of Montego-Bay, and that he sailed in the said sloop from Kingston, on the 31st day of March 1825, bound to Maracaibo, in the island of Cuba, consigned to a Mr. Hall, Merchant, there; and that off that place they were captured by a Colombian privateer, called the Isabella, of Maracaibo, commanded by John Bedwell, sailing with a Colombian commission; the Prizemaster and three seamen were put on board, with orders to take her to Maracaibo, and that himself and a boy only of the former crew were left on board; that the plea for capture was, that the cargo was Spanish property. And this deponent further said, that from the ignorance of the Prizemaster in navigating the said sloop to her destined port, long detention at sea, and being short of water, the said Prizemaster, after passing the several harbours of Montego-Bay, St. Ann's, Port Maria, and Annotto-Bay, finally brought the vessel into Buff's-Bay to get a supply thereof; and the reason for passing the aforesaid harbours, was his fear of detention by our vessels or the authorities ashore. The deponent further said, that he had no command over the vessel after the capture, either before or after her anchorage at Buff-Bay on 23d April; the Quartermaster and one seaman having come on shore for water, deponent jumped overboard and swam on shore; that soon after Robert G. Kirkland and William Robertson, Esqrs. Justices of the Peace, having heard of there being something suspicious in the said sloop's arrival, interrogated the deponent and the said two men; and failing in an attempt to procure the sloop's papers, from the high sea then running, they ordered the said two men into custody for that night. The deponent further said, that information was given to the Collector and Comptroller of His Majesty's Customs at Annotto-Bay, by one of the aforesaid Magistrates, of the circumstances of their arrival, who, without loss of time, repaired to the spot and obtained from the Prizemaster the register of the sloop and other papers for investigation, during which period the vessel drifted and got ashore by the breaking of the cable, which, in consequence of the high sea, soon bilged; that immediate steps were taken by the above Officers, in discharging the cargo and securing the same.

J. P. HOOD, Collector.

JOHN D. SMITH, Comptroller.

*A Statement of Goods saved from the Wreck of the Tom Paine, at Buff-Bay, on the 25th day of April 1825.*

One hundred and sixty-nine bales.

Eight cases, three barrels ironmongery.

A parcel of hoes and axes, crockery and tin ware:

J. P. HOOD, Collector.

JOHN D. SMITH, Comptroller.

Custom-House, Annotto-Bay.

GARRATT, Mayor.

At an Especial Court of Mayor and Aldermen, holden in the Council-Chamber of the Guildhall of the City of London, on the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, that is to say, Thursday the 29th day of September 1825, and in the sixth year of the reign of George the Fourth, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, &c.

THE Right Honourable the Lord Mayor communicated to this Court, that, numerous applications having been made to him on the difficulties which had occurred, in consequence of the ineffective directions contained in the Acts of Parliament (5 Geo. IV, ch. 74, and 6 Geo. IV, ch. 12), for regulating weights and measures in respect to heaped measures, the diameter of the heaped bushel measure only being defined in the said Acts, and the diameter of all the smaller measures, viz. the half bushel, peck, gallon, half gallon, and quart being thereby rendered uncertain, his Lordship directed a representation to be made to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury on the subject; whereupon the Lords Commissioners referred the matter for the opinion of the Commissioners of Weights and Measures, and received a report from Dr. Wollaston thereon, that it would be unnecessary to express more than the breadth, from outside to outside of the top, of such respective measures to be as follows:

The bushel, nineteen inches and an half.

The half bushel, fifteen inches and an half.

The peck, twelve inches and a quarter.

The gallon, or half peck, nine inches and three quarters.

The half gallon, or quarter, seven inches and three quarters.

The half quarter, six inches and one-eighth.

And thereupon the Lords Commissioners declared; that in the absence of any Legislative provision on the subject, they could only issue directions to all persons who might be employed to prepare measures, under their authority, to conform strictly to the proportions pointed out by Dr. Wollaston; and the Lords Commissioners also submitted the expediency of the same course being adopted in the city of London.

Whereupon it is resolved,

That (in order to protect the public from fraud and imposition), directions be given to the proper officers at the Guildhall, London, not to stamp or mark any new measures intended for ascertaining the quantity of such articles as are sold by heaped