

Capes — I hear no mention of the *Leviathan* being blockaded, nor of the *Quincy's* having been so high up as *Westport* bay.

From the reports of the officers of the *Proctor*, now laying at this place, it appears probable that she was the vessel engaged by the *Union* flotilla — They state that while in the night 3 vessels stood in & anchored there — Each vessel hailed & ordered the others on board, which being refused on both sides, fire commenced — They speak of having seen a launch or a *filibuster* rigged boat, they then cut off & stood out making the large vessel she fired a lead — Several of her crew were included her commander, &c. it appears from what I hear that they brought the *Proctor* on their side by their harsh language — She is this morning going down again to try to get to sea.

Mr. Dorr is now delivering up the eight found shot, but owing to his having cast them by the Army gage (which is one tenth larger than the one sent me from the Navy yard) washed there are very few which pass our inspection.

I shall however detain them for the present in compliance with your wish. I have moment returned from examining every