

Bark Canby Packet's Log Book.

for the purpose of destroying the ship that the voyage might be broken up that they had no cause for doing the same farther than they desired to. Immediately on the revelation of the fact that Henry Chamberlain was the person who carried the crime to so great an extent he was put in confinement. Though at first greatly to his surprise and astonishment all of which was after a few hours reflection and the acknowledgment to the fact which he acted and all assured Henry Williams of first persuading him to join him the said Williams to desert after which when he refused he persuading him to join in the destruction of the ship that after being repeatedly persuaded on the subject in an unguarded moment he gave consent and went as far as to set fire to the ship while greatly excited through Henry Williams language therefore at about 10 minutes at 8 o'clock in the eve of the 26th October he the said Chamberlain through the influence of Henry Williams a seaman on board said Bark set fire a fire raised for the purpose with the firm determination of destroying the vessel regardless of the lives which might have been destroyed by the burning or blowing up of the ship which must have been the case had the fire got under headway before being discovered but fortunately the fire was quenched without doing much harm the deck above and cask beneath the stowage were around was somewhat burned Henry Chamberlain says

that Mallice had sought to do with setting the ship on fire though he was aware that such was the intention of Henry Williams provided he could get Henry Chamberlain to join him in carrying out the diabolical act upon they had then conferred say 12 hours or thereabouts it was thought best as the words told somewhat clashed with each other that it was best to use other and more stringent measures to bring out the truth as there were those who were not so deep in crime as others and that those who were most innocent should be liberated and be allowed to return to their duty consequently a small sized Rattan say about 3/4 of an inch in diameter was applied about the better parts John Smith and Henry Williams of Smith to learn the facts relative to his being the Ring leader in a conspiracy not to weigh the Anchor when the ship was ready for sea upon Henry Williams for the purpose of knowing from him the truth in regard to firing the ship both cases in which the Rattan succeeded in and drew forth many facts which seemed to be hidden and with weighing and hearing very nearly heard on the shoulders of well disposed men when left to act according to their own principles that Henry Williams was the Ring leader in the attempt to fire the ship and Henry Chamberlain under his influence was second is certain by their own confession and acknowledgement and that John Smith was the Ring leader in attempting to incite the crew to open hatches in not hatching the Anchor when ordered is confirmed by all of those connected with him Henry Williams Henry Chamberlain and John Smith still in confinement. Latter part of these 12 hours a strong breeze was used to employ. Sat. 26th Oct. Long. 164. 40. N.