

centre of the town, I came down to the Town-house and saw the 29th regiment under arms, between the Town-house and main-guard, their lines extending across the street and facing down King street, where the town's people were assembled, and that the first rank was kneeling down, and the whole of the first platoon was presented ready for firing on the word being given, and continued a considerable time in that posture, but by the providence of God they were restrained from firing.

EBENEZER DOBB.

(No. 83.) I, **Edward Crafts**, of lawful age, testify and say, that on Monday evening, the fifth instant, between 11 and 12 o'clock, Mr. Joseph Ayers met me at my gate, and I asked him where he was going. He answered, "To call Mr. Thomas Theodore Bliss to attend at the council-chamber, to give evidence of the captain's giving the soldiers orders to fire on the inhabitants." On leaving Mr. Bliss's door, there passed by us two corporals with about twenty soldiers, with muskets and fixed bayonets; and on their observing our moving towards the Town-house, the soldiers halted, and surrounded us, saying we were a pack of damned rascals, and for three coppers they would blow our brains out. One of the corporals (viz: Eustice), gave orders for one-half the soldiers to cock, and the rest to make ready. On which we told them, we had nothing to say to them, but were on other business. The corporal, Eustice, struck Mr. Haldan, then in company, and turning to me, aimed a blow at my head with his firelock, which I took upon my arm, and then, with all his might, he made a pass at me, with his fixed bayonet, with full intent to take my life, as I thought. This I also parried with my naked hand. Then a soldier stepped out from among the rest, and presented his musket to my breast, and six or seven more at about eight or ten feet distance also presented. Upon this I called Corporal McCan, who came to me with a drawn sword or cutlass in his hand, and pushed the gun from my breast, saying, "This is Mr. **Crafts**, and if any of you offer to touch him again I will blow your brains out." Corporal Eustice answered and said, "He is as damned a rascal as any of them." The next evening about dusk coming by Rowe's barrack, I saw Corporal McCan who saved my life. He asked me if my arm was broke, I answered no. He said the gun with which Eustice struck me, was broke to pieces. And continued, "You would have been in heaven or hell in an instant if you had not called me by name. One man in particular, would have shot you, seven more presented at you!" He

also said, his orders were, when the party came from the guard-house by the fortification, if any person or persons assaulted them, to fire upon them, every man being loaded with a brace of balls. And further I say not.

EDWARD CRAFTS.

(No. 84). Joseph Allen, of lawful age, testifies and says, that between the hours of nine and ten on Monday evening the fifth instant, being at the dwelling-house of Mr. Winniet at New Boston, was there informed that the town was alarmed by an affray between the soldiers and inhabitants; he immediately left said house, and after arming himself with a stout cudgel at Mr. Daniel Rea's, passed by Murray's barrack near Dr. Cooper's meeting house, where were drawn up a party of soldiers with a number of officers in front; and passing them quietly in company with Edward Winslow, Jun., was overtaken by a party of armed soldiers, one of whom laid hold of the deponent's neck of his coat and shirt, and tore the shirt, a second struck him over the shoulders, and either the latter or a third forcibly wrested the stick from him; Lieut. Minchin interposing prevented farther abuse, and entered into conversation with the deponent, complaining of the inhabitants for wrangling with the soldiers on the most trifling occasion. The deponent asked him if he thought a man could be inactive, when his countrymen were butchered in the street? Lieut. Minchin answered, that "Mr. Mollineux was the author of all this." After the conversation was ended, or was nigh ending, Lieut. Minchin returned the deponent his stick; and further saith not.

JOSEPH ALLEN.

(No. 85). I, William Fallass, of lawful age, testify and say, that after the murder was committed in King street, on the evening of the fifth instant, upon my return home I had occasion to stop opposite to the lane leading to Green's barrack, and while I stood there the soldiers rushed by me with their arms, towards King street, saying, "This is our time or chance;" and that I never saw men or dogs so greedy for their prey as these soldiers seemed to be, and the sergeants could hardly keep them in their ranks.

WILLIAM FALLASS.

(No. 86). Mary Gardner, living in Atkinson street, of lawful age, testifies and says, that on Monday evening the fifth day of March current, and before the guns fired in King street, there were a number of soldiers assembled from Green's barrack towards the