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[Having been called upon by a number of respectable gentlemen of this city, to lay before our readers in verse, the recent the transaction that took place at the custom-house, we shall embrace the present opportunity, not wishing however to intrude on the patience of our readers, as many have contributed very liberal in aiding us in our publication, for which they receive our profound thanks.]

We come now to bring you the news of the day,
that comes in a rather of a round-about way ;
And all our expresses in peace or in war,
In future, will come by the way of — BANGOR !

The commander of the revenue cutter they say,
Came ashore at the custom-house as was his usual way,
And he met captain John on the wharf in that place,
Who was bold for to give him the lie to his face.

It was knock down and drag out, for some it was sport,
But capt. John was determined it should not go to court
We commend cap't. John for the method he took,
To get such a scamp cross'd out from UncleSam's book

Now the sailors are foremost in all sorts of fun,
To carry on a scrape when they find it begun ;
They always stand ready to lend you a hand,
When return'd from the sea and get foot on the land.

Now the butchers, we're told, with the leg of a sheep,
Pelted the scamp as he pass'd through the street ;
And from many he felt the weight of their paw,
And in fact it was what we would call the lynch law.

We have been told by some, and we'll not doubt their
That the capt. with some help got back on board; [word
In his sad condition so bruis'd was that he
Thought it best to weigh anchor and put out to sea.

We hope they'll remove him and put in his place
One that will not be a public disgrace ;
But will use all men civil while he's on this station,
And be an honour to his friends as well as the nation.

As we heard this news, so we give it to you,
Not doubting but that it is all very true ;
You shall have all the news about Uncle Sam's war,
But remember it comes by way of BANGOR.