

had shipped at the Bay of Islands and deserted
 from me when I was last here gave directions to
 shoot both Cables and haul the ship on shore which
 was done accordingly and again returned to the
 decks but kept themselves close in the long boat
 as the flood in her cheeks. Finding it impossible
 to remove them from that situation from any
 shot I desired the people to fire through the
 bottom of the boat as standing over the main
 hatch and seven shots drove them from the ship
 entirely and we again got command of her, but
 found ourselves and the Schooner Brother, lying
 on shore and within half a cable length from
 us. The Rebels had still got possession of her but
 a few rounds from our muskets and swords
 soon cleared her decks and Mr Burnett with
 three of his men again made their appearance
 Both Rebels then kept up a constant firing at
 the water in the water which were very
 numerous and from the manner our guns
 were loaded I am confident a great number
 lost their lives exclusive of what was killed
 on board us so near as I can judge was
 from twenty to twenty five, and the time
 they had the Rebels in charge was about four
 hours. I hailed Captain Burnett and found
 safe ourselves both Cables were cut he therefore