

**COTTON STEALING.**—A negro fellow, was yesterday brought before Justice VALLEAU, charged with stealing Cotton from a bale on Taylor's wharf, on the morning of the 22d ultimo. It appeared that he had ripped open the bale from which he abstracted the article, and afterwards sewed it up.—He confessed the fact to the guard who apprehended him—and to a gentleman he stated, in addition to the confession, that he was employed by a white man, who was to pay him two dollars. He was sentenced to receive twenty-five lashes—his owner to pay costs. The white man who could employ a negro for this purpose, richly deserves the severity of the law. The crime of pilfering in this way has become an evil to the mercantile community of sufficient magnitude to be noticed in the presentments of the Grand Jury, at the last session of the Superior Court, and we hope that proper vigilance will be used in the detection, not only of the pilferers, but of the receivers of the stolen goods.

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